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Program Southern Baptist Convention May 16-18, 1944 CONVENTION THEME—MY CHURCH Matt. 16:18

(The committee deeply regrets that on account of present war conditions it was forced to crowd into two days and a half the whole program of the Convention.)

Tuesday, May 16

Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Song and Prayer.
- 1:35—Report on Registration.
- 1:40—Report of Committee on Order of Business—R. Kelly White, Chairman.
- 1:45—Address of President—Pat M. Neff.
- 2:15—Appointment of Committees—Pat M. Neff.
- 2:20—Recognition of Fraternal Messengers and Visitors.
- 2:40—Convention Sermon—John H. Buchanan or Alternate, Kyle M. Yates.
- 3:25—Report of Committee on Centennial Session Program—Louie D. Newton.
- 3:35—Report of Committee on Calendar of Co-ordinated Denominational Activities—W. Morris Ford.
- 3:40—Report of Foreign Mission Board—Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary.
- 4:05—Report of Home Mission Board—J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary.
- 4:30—Adjournment.

Evening Session

- 7:00—Song and Prayer.
- 7:10—Report of W. M. U. Work—Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Chairman.

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S. B. C. Executive Committee Plans for Atlanta Convention

By Walter M. Gilmore, Nashville

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention met in Nashville March 14-16, to consider the many vital matters to be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention at its session in Atlanta May 16-18, 1944. To this meeting had been invited the executive heads of all the Southwide agencies and institutions, the state secretaries and editors, and the special committee on post-war planning. With a few exceptions, all were present.

The first two days of the meeting were spent in getting an over-all picture of our present situation and the thought of the brethren in the various sections of our territory with reference to our centennial program for next year. The feeling was quite manifest that our centennial year should be marked by a great forward movement to match our unparalleled

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Hyman Appelman will preach at Grenada Sunday, March 26, at ten-thirty; at Calhoun City at 2 o'clock; at Tupelo at 4:30, and continue revival series at New Albany at 8 that night.

HEAR THE JEW PREACH CHRIST! AT CLARKSDALE APRIL 2-16

A three-day Evangelistic Conference will be held in connection with the Appelman Revival, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 3, 4, and 5. D. A. McCall, Director of Evangelism, will preside over this Conference. The program follows:

Three-Day Evangelistic Conference Clarksdale—April 3-5

Monday — Morning Service

- 9:15—Song and Prayer, J. J. Burson.
- 9:30—"My Favorite Revival Sermon," F. O. Martin.
- 10:00—Gospel Message—Hyman Appelman.
- 11:15—Planning A Revival, G. E. Wiley.

Noon.

Afternoon Session

- 2:25—Song and Prayer, J. J. Burson.
- 2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangelism, Leo Eddleman.

Evening Service — 7:30

- Song and Prayer Service.
- Gospel Message—Hyman Appelman.
- Tuesday — Morning Service
- 9:15—Song and Prayer, J. J. Burson.
- 9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon, W. R. Storie.
- 10:00—Gospel Message, Hyman Appelman.

- 11:15—Message and Methods During Revival, C. S. Henderson.
- Noon.

Afternoon Session

- 2:25—Song and Prayer, J. J. Burson.
- 2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangelism, Leo Eddleman.

Evening Service — 7:30

- Song and Prayer Service.
- Message: R. G. LeTourneau (35 minutes).

Gospel Message—Hyman Appelman.

Wednesday — Morning Service

- 9:15—Song and Prayer, J. J. Burson.
- 9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon, L. J. Crumby.
- 10:00—Gospel Message, Hyman Appelman.

- 11:15—Conserving Results of Revival, Chester Quarles.
- Noon.

Afternoon Session

- 2:25—Song and Prayer, John I. Hill.
- 2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangelism, Leo Eddleman.

Evening Service — 7:30

- Song and Prayer Service.
- Gospel Message, Hyman Appelman.

The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE ABOUT MISSIONS

D. A. McCALL

Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
(Below we publish another of a series of articles on great Bible doctrines, precious to Baptists. They are written by Mississippians, who know and love Mississippi Baptist work. Next week the subject will be "Marriage and the Home."—Editor.)

Baptists believe in and practice Missions because of what the term signifies. By missions we mean telling those who need Him about Jesus as Saviour and as Lord. It means seeing the will of God done on earth. "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as in Heaven," Jesus prayed. That is a great Missionary prayer. Baptists believe in it. Baptists go forth in the might and majesty of the message of that prayer.

Every Baptist is or should be enlisted in the Marching Missionary Army! Jesus so intended it. "Go ye" was not spoken to an individual but to His church group. Yet, it was intended for the individual.

Men are lost! They need Christ!

Jesus died to save them!

Some have in their hands and hearts the message of pardon! Will we deliver the message? Will we hold the message and let them die?

Ezekiel 33. Romans 10. Our God has a plan for the delivery of this message. It is called MISSIONS.

Some of the missionary Scriptures from the life of Jesus are: "Then the



Dr. D. A. McCall

eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him: but some doubted.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, 'All power is given unto

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H. E. Ingraham

Mr. H. E. Ingraham, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will be conference leader and speaker for two of the Sunday School conventions during the week of April 24-29.

From Jewish Lawyer to Baptist Preacher

Autobiography of Hyman Appelman

PART III

From St. Louis I went back to Kansas City, and from Kansas City to Omaha, and from Omaha to Denver. I left Chicago, as you remember, in December, 1924, and I got to Omaha about March. After that first experience, I did not go to church again. The people that I associated with were, almost without exception, Jews. I didn't read the Bible at all. I never prayed. Nobody else talked to me about the Lord Jesus Christ. I am not blaming anybody. I didn't give any Christian a chance to help me. If I had had any sense, I would have followed up the impression the Holy Spirit made on me through the testimony of Mr. Daly in the YMCA, but I didn't do it.

Nevertheless, every once in a while—and the once-in-a-whiles began to increase and increase—I'd think of some of the words that Mr. Daly had told me about the Lord Jesus Christ. I just couldn't get away from them; they were so impressed on my mind. It got so I couldn't sleep and I couldn't eat and I couldn't enjoy myself. I'd

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Last Report

Sparks & Splinters

Rev. J. C. Sansing, Philadelphia, is available for pastoral work in rural churches.

NOTICE: RE S.B.C. Atlanta, Georgia

We have in this office for distribution Messenger Cards for those who are to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in May. If you desire one, two, three, and so on, of these cards, drop us a line and we will be happy to send them to you.—D. A. Mc.

Rev. B. S. Hilbun conducted a series of revival services in the Seminary Baptist church recently. He did some of the finest gospel preaching ever heard in this church. Attendance was consistently good. There were six additions—two by letter and four on profession of faith.—R. R. Darby, pastor.

Rev. W. M. Fore has resigned the work at Prichard, Ala., in order to accept the pastorate at Fairfax in the same state.

N. J. Lee of Wiggins conducted our revival services in the Union Baptist Church, Sr., Covington county, recently. We experienced some high hours under the earnest preaching of this servant of God.—R. R. Darby, pastor.

We recently received a Baptist Record subscription list of 18 officers and teachers of Friendship church, Pike county. This list was sent in by Mrs. T. B. Stokes.

Recent visitors to the Baptist Record office were D. B. Clark, Star; C. D. Matthews; Rev. S. B. Harrington, Ellisville; Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton; J. G. Clay, Lena; Mrs. H. P. Steir, Terry; Rev. H. W. Roberson, Lexington; Mrs. G. A. Noel, Lake; Dr. W. O. Lewis, Washington, D. C.; and W. G. Mize, Jackson.

"A Manual of Sex Education" should be in the hands of every parent. It is a safe, sane book on the important subject of sex. The author is C. F. Derstine, a student of the subject for thirty years. The book sells for \$1.00 and is published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Union Church Baptist Church had its stewardship revival night recently for February. Stewardship songs were sung and a stewardship talk given by Mrs. Fred Moss. Misses Louise Moss and Rita Wilson rendered special music. A stewardship play, "A Christian Mother's Influence," which was written by Mrs. Moss was given with members of the whole Sunday school participating. Pastor John R. Cobb made a very impressive talk on tithing. Special emphasis was sponsored by the associational stewardship chairman, Mrs. Fred Moss.

Rayville, La.: A wedding of unusual and widespread interest to many friends throughout Louisiana and Mississippi, is that of Ensign John H. Hooks, Jr., U. S. N. R., son of Dr. and Mrs. John H. Hooks, Sr., of Rayville, La., to Miss Kathrine Marie Bolton, also of Rayville, daughter of Mr. G. W. Bolton and the late Mrs. G. W. Bolton, also of Rayville. The wedding was solemnized at 6:30 p. m., Feb. 25 in the beautiful auditorium of the First Baptist church, with the groom's father officiating, using the impressive ring ceremony, with a host of friends present to witness the happy occasion. The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for Deland, Fla., where Ensign Hooks is stationed with the U. S. Naval Air Forces.

Bethany church, Sunflower county: C. C. Carraway of Boyle did the preaching in the Spring revival here with emphasis on stewardship. A large per cent of our members were led to accept their duty to God and pledge themselves to tithe. There were 15 additions to the church.—Curtis Askew, pastor.

Harperville: Church, Sunday School and B. T. U. attendance has increased since Pastor G. W. Smith moved on the field. Recently the women of the church have worked on the church grounds and have improved the looks of the church.—Reporter.

Bluff Springs: I had the happy privilege of preaching for Bro. Stegall at Bluff Springs, Pike county. They are a good people and love their pastor. They gave evidence of this fact by calling him back after his being gone from them for some time and then giving him a fine shower of produce and groceries. Without any hesitancy at the pastor's suggestion the church agreed to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan.—W. E. Greene.

Suggest to your superintendent, the president or teacher of your class, that a free-will offering be taken, next Sunday, March 26, TEMPERANCE DAY, for your Anti-Saloon League.

Ask your superintendent, the president or teacher of your class, to give the people an opportunity to make a contribution to your Anti-Saloon League next Sunday—TEMPERANCE DAY—March 26th.

A correspondence-extension class of the Baptist Bible Institute, enrolling 851 students, has been organized in the Winstanley Baptist Church, East St. Louis, Ill. The class meets each week when the pastor, Rev. E. Lamb, presents the lessons. Many such groups are being formed in both city and rural communities. Notably large classes have been formed in Chattanooga, Tenn., Tampa and Lakeland, Fla. Anyone interested in promoting such a group is urged to address Prof. E. O. Sellers, secretary of the Correspondence Department of the Baptist Bible Institute, 1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans 13, Louisiana.

From quarter time to full time in six years is the good record of the church at Nicholson. Organized with 19 charter members under E. C. Pigott, the group later had half time preaching with Filer J. Seal as pastor. Z. A. Polk led the church until the coming of the present pastor, L. P. Pettey, under whom beginning April 1st, the Nicholson First Baptist Church will have full time work. Enthusiastic preparation for great days ahead is being made by the people.—Wm. J. Downes, Jr.

In the spring, Beulah church in Simpson county, Barney Walker, evangelist, preached as guest of Pastor D. W. Moulder. There were four additions by letter.

During the first year of the pastorate of Rev. Joe T. Odle at Crystal Springs, there were exactly 100 additions, 42 by baptism. Total offering for the year was \$25,938.83. \$6,432.16 also went to missions and denominational causes. \$9,491 was added to the building fund.

James B. Ray, North Mississippi Enlistment Pastor, has moved from Tupelo to New Albany in order to get nearer the center of his territory. His address is 336 Cleveland street.

Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian: Our W. M. U. organizations gave more than \$300 for the Annie Armstrong offering.—Reporter.

Tampa, Fla.—(RNS)—The Tampa Ministerial Association has filed protests with the State and County Defense Councils against Sunday blackouts, describing them as "in opposition to the interests of the churches of the community."

"Ruth—Romance of Redemption" will help any Christian. The author is J. Vernon McGee, Th.D. Anyone who reads it will have a greater appreciation for the book of Ruth. It is a remarkably well worked-out study, rich with helps and guides for the Bible student as well as every believer. It is published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan and sells for \$1.50.

Wilson's MESSAGES on Philippians is a small book but it contains much. It is a good exposition of the book of Philippians. It sells for 35 cents and is published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Scripture Quiz Book, by Mabel H. Hansen is just what its title implies. You will find out how much you don't know about the Bible when you try this quiz book. The price is 35 cents and the publisher is The Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"The Exiled Pilgrim" by Wm. Hubben is the life story of a man who has lived through the last fateful twenty-five years in Germany. The author describes the steadily increasing growth of Nazi power, the clashes between the Nazis and their enemies, and the mounting stampede of terrified people to join the Nazi ranks. Although under suspicion of the dread Gestapo, Hubben succeeds in escaping and coming to America where he finds an honored place in the New World. The price is two dollars and the publisher is the MacMillan Company, New York.

"How To Teach" is just what its title implies. The author is E. W. Thornton and the reviser is C. J. Sharp. Standard Publishing Co., is the publisher and the price is 50 cents.

"Paul, His Life and Teaching" by C. C. Taylor is a good book on the life and teachings of Paul. There are one hundred twenty-five pages. It will be helpful to any Christian. The price is fifty cents and the publisher is the Standard Publishing Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio.

See Page No. 16. Is your church on the B. M. C. Glory Roll? Is it on any of the others? Five hundred five churches are on one roll or another. It is hoped the other thousand churches will have a part soon.

A good book for Christians is "Christian Nurture" by Basil Holt. The author discusses the Christian and his Bible, prayer, the Lord's Supper, Stewardship, the Holy Spirit, Temptation, Personal Evangelism, the Church, the Home, the Lord's Day, the Community, Missions, War and the Lord's Return. It is published by The Standard Publishing Company of Cincinnati, and sells for fifty cents in paper cover.

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IMPORTANT

Notice To Moderators and Clerks of Associations:

If the Minutes of your Association are off the press, and you have not yet mailed a copy to your CONVENTION BOARD OFFICE, we will appreciate it very much if you will send us a copy at once. The minutes are of great value to this office in getting data in every phase of our Baptist work and program. Thank you.—D. A. Mc.

ILLINOIS BAPTIST REACHES GOAL

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome the Illinois Baptist into the select circle of Southern Baptist papers that have reached their 1945 goal in subscriptions.

Their circulation in 1940 was slightly more than 3,000. Their 1945 goal is 8,236. The present circulation is 8,500 or 234 more than the goal set for 1945.

Rev. B. J. Murrie is the editor. He is to be congratulated on the splendid achievement. And to any of our readers who have not had the privilege of reading the Illinois Baptist, we can certify to the fact that it is a good paper. His editorials are always refreshing and helpful.

SEMINARY AND GOOD HOPE HAVE MEETINGS

The churches at Seminary and Good Hope in Perry county had good meetings with Evangelist W. W. Kyzar doing the preaching. At Seminary there were nine additions, five being by baptism. Two rededicated their lives. The church has asked the evangelist to return for a fall meeting in September. On the Sunday following the revival, attendance at Sunday school rose from 15-20 to 35 present.—C. E. McArn.

GENERAL MACARTHUR AND THE BIBLE

Early in August it was the privilege of the Queensland Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia to be granted an interview with General MacArthur. He writes:

I had to see him on Bible Society business. When our business was completed, we sat talking. I had brought with me a copy of the Society's popular report to present to the general, should the opportunity present itself. As I offered it, I said, "If you ever have any time that would resemble leisure time, Sir, you will find this book interesting." Said the general to me, "I always make leisure time for things that are good; and, believe me, Sir, never a night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed." I cannot quite express my feelings as I heard the general speak; but I do know that my heart expanded in gratitude to God that our American cousins here in Australia have such a good and, I believe, a godly man at the head of the American forces.—Bible Society Record.

We have been tithing for about three years and have been blessed more than ever before in that length of time. We feel that anyone who tithes will receive a great blessing from the Lord.—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dunaway, Leaf River Baptist Church, Collins, Miss.

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publickly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

A STATEMENT BY DR. JESSE D. FRANKS

First Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi

"The Mississippi-for-Christ Special Soul-Winning Crusade reached First Baptist Church, Columbus, and area, Monday morning, March 6th, Evangelist Hyman Appelman and singer 'Texas' Carroll. A crescendo of spiritual power, beginning with the first day, came to a glorious climax with the last service on Sunday evening, March 19th. Two weeks of a mighty spiritual awakening.

"What an evangelistic team Hyman Appelman, the preacher, and 'Texas' Carroll, the singer, make! How perfectly they understand, support, and co-operate with each other in their joint effort to win the lost to Christ! Never have we witnessed a more powerful presentation of the gospel message in a series of evangelistic services.

"Evangelist Appelman has but one objective in his preaching—magnifying the Cross of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. In Pauline fashion he drives home his message. With clear, incisive, terrific, invincible logic he pounds upon the minds and hearts of his hearers, calling them unto repentance. He makes the issue clear, and decision one way or the other is inevitable. Many, many scores of souls decided for Christ and for the churches, about 200 coming into the Baptist churches of Columbus alone. A mighty revival has swept this way."

A CORRECTION

In our March 16th issue of The Record we find an error which got by us in listing the 100 leading churches giving to all causes beyond the local church causes, namely, Meridian First Church was listed twice, and No. 29 which read "Meridian—First" should have read "Meridian Fifteenth Avenue." We regret this error and if you find others we will appreciate our attention being called to same.—D. A. McC.

How would you like to read all the words of Jesus, as found in the New Testament? We are giving you below His words as found in the Gospel of Matthew. Why not read them at one sitting? His words constitute only a part of some verses. You will recognize them. We will list the other Gospels in the weeks that follow.

WORDS OF JESUS IN MATTHEW

Matthew 3:15.	Matthew 17:7, 9, 11, 12, 17, 20-23, 25-27.
Matthew 4:4, 7, 10, 17, 19.	Matthew 18:3-20, 22-35.
Matthew 5:3-48.	Matthew 19:4-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17-19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28-30.
Matthew 6:1-34.	Matthew 20:1-16, 18, 19, 21-23, 25-28, 32.
Matthew 7:1-27.	Matthew 21:2, 3, 13, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27-40, 42-44.
Matthew 8:3, 4, 7, 10-13, 20, 22, 26, 32.	Matthew 22:2-14, 18-21, 29-32, 37-40, 42-45.
Matthew 9:2, 4-6, 9, 12, 13, 15-17, 22, 24, 28-50, 37-38.	Matthew 23:2-39.
Matthew 10:5-42.	Matthew 24:2, 4-51.
Matthew 11:4-19, 21-30.	Matthew 25:1-46.
Matthew 12:3-8, 11-13, 25-37, 39-45, 48-50.	Matthew 26:2, 10-13, 18, 21, 23-29, 31, 32, 34, 36, 38-42, 45, 46, 50, 52-56, 64.
Matthew 13:3-9, 11-33, 37-52, 57.	Matthew 27:11, 46.
Matthew 14:16, 18, 27, 29, 31.	Matthew 28:9, 10, 18-20.
Matthew 15:3-11, 13, 14, 16-20, 24, 26, 28, 32, 34.	
Matthew 16:2-4, 6, 8-11, 13, 15, 17-19, 23-28.	

II.

After attendance upon two of our Negro Bible Institutes, Dr. J. D. Ray, chairman of the special committee for this work, writes: "Yours of recent date to hand and am glad that you had good reports from the Negro Conferences. I really think that we are on the right track. I am persuaded that we will get a better understanding through this approach than perhaps any other."

Mrs. Margaret Deatherage is a loyal member of Griffith Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson. She is one of the greatest visitors for Christ in church work we have ever known. We were happy to get the following letter from her as an expression of appreciation for the Appelman Meeting in Jackson: "Dear Bro. McCall:

"I hope the meeting has gotten started in a great way in Columbus. We were so happy over the large attendance at prayer meeting last evening. Many have made new resolves due to the Evangelistic Meeting. Eight people came into the membership of our church Sunday morning. I have been helped personally beyond words to express.

"We appreciate your wanting the best for Mississippi.

"Blessings upon you.

Sincerely,

MARGARET DEATHERAGE."

We are happy to list Mississippi graduates of the Baptist Bible Institute. Most of these brethren already have work in Mississippi, and we trust they may be claimed altogether for Mississippi Baptist work. We know practically all of them, and they are mighty fine. The list follows: Ernest Ray Pinson, William Lamar Sewell, Elton Barlow, Jesse Laney Boyd, Jr., Edgar Waters Bryan, James Hardee Kennedy, Arthur Alexander Nelson, Lemuel Edward

Smith, Grady C. Cothen, L. Gordon Sansing, and M. Glenn Smith. Two ladies that will be among this group are Mrs. Grady C. Cothen and Mrs. Arthur Alexander Nelson.

III.

We have not had opportunity to study thoroughly the merits and demerits of the statute providing for inspection, etc., of "child-caring-for institutions," and which was repealed. This office served as a mediary in making some contacts at the request of some respected brethren. We have faith in the brethren that they will do the right thing, always trying to find and follow the Lord's will. That means doing His will. John 7:17.

IV.

We do not want His services of worship to be stilted, ritualistic, and empty. However, we do not want them to be "slouchy," "cheap" and without preparation, either.

Many of our churches follow this order in greater or less degree: "Our pianist (or organist) is not here. Who will play for us? Sonny, pass out the song books. You folks who will sing in the choir come ahead. Come on folks, fill up the choir. What shall we sing? Oh, that number is torn out of my book. Let us have another selection. Brother, will you please poke up the fire? Somebody please shut that door, will you?" Ad infinitum.

Don't let any evangelist, preacher, pastor, or layman lead you BACK into that STUFF.

"Let all things be done decently and in order." I Cor. 14:40 concerns the service of worship, then and now!

"Let all things be done with LOVE." Cor. 16:14. This will solve most of your problems!

Enjoyed a good service with Pastor A. V. Faggard and his fine folks of South Laurel. Brother Faggard is heroic in his work in the ministry and is continuing preparation.

At night we were with Pastor J. W. T. Siler and his splendid people of Anguilla. Lovely house of worship. Helped ordain Brethren F. Green, Sr., and Carl Dunnaway as deacons.

We attended the Negro Institute at Vicksburg. Interesting meeting. They gave us a good hearing.

Enlistment Pastor W. E. Green led in a helpful County Council Meeting at Brookhaven. Splendid reports were heard and effective plans outlined.

There was a good congregation at Oakdale, Rankin County. Plans are made for a revival, with Rev. C. Z. Holland to do the preaching. Pastor Harold Bethune is reported recovering.

An inspiring B. S. U. group greeted us at the Baptist Workshop at Columbus. Miss Steele presided. Miss Tilghman is B. S. U. secretary. They plan a new Workshop.

An interesting discussion on juvenile delinquency was held at the Clinton School. We may well afford to give some time, energy and money in providing a planned leisure program for our boys and girls.

Many of our people appreciate the gospel truth even when it "digs" a bit. We were writing to our own heart, as always, as well as to others, in the recent paragraphs on "Repentance." Replies, both written and verbal, from pastors and laymen, men and women have been most gratifying!

V.

We would appear ungrateful if we did not thank the Congressmen and Senators contacted by us regarding the Baptist Record classification. Each one written, promptly responded. That is democracy at work! The ones referred to are: Congressmen Winstead, Whittington and McGehee; Senators Eastland and Bilbo.

One of the many little details showing how Baptist democracy works in cooperation is seen in the following. Editor Goodrich knew hotel reservations were hard to get. We recalled our good friend, the recently installed Baptist Executive Secretary of the District of Columbia, Brother Stith. An airmail letter was dispatched to him requesting that his office do us the favor of making such a reservation. An airmail envelope was enclosed. In three, maybe four days, we had the reservation in hand. "The King's business requires haste." (Bible).

VI.

CONSERVING THE RESULTS OF EVANGELISM

I. THE PROBLEM:

1. New Members have united with our churches. Probably 400,000 to 500,000 new members join Southern Baptist Churches each year.
2. What shall we do with them?
3. What is being done?
 - (1) In many cases, nothing.
 - (2) In other cases, some effort is made to enlist them.
 - (3) In other cases, an adequate enlistment program is carried out. Matt. 28:19-20 demands that all churches should be in the third class. It says: (1) Make Christians; (2) make Baptists; (3) make good Baptists.

II. A PROGRAM OF ENLISTMENT

1. Have we made it too easy to unite with the church? Would it be better to have the new member understand the meaning of membership before he joins?
2. The Pastor and the New Member—

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TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE

Every informed Mississippi Baptist is familiar with the term "too little and too late." It refers to reverses and defeats suffered by the Allies in the earlier years of the war. It not only reminds us of bitter defeats but brings a tinge of regret as we think of what might have happened if the Allies had been on time and with enough.

A similar situation, only on a smaller scale and in a different realm now confronts Mississippi Baptists.

For years we have borne the yoke of debt. They are honest debts and debts for which we have had our money's worth. But these debts have acted as brakes on Kingdom affairs. Countless times we have heard, and so have you, the words, "We would like to do more for this or that—but our debts are in the way."

The month of June has been designated as debt offering month. Every Mississippi Baptist is being urged to make a liberal offering for our debts. But many should not wait until June. Practically all of us have regular incomes. If we wait until June probably we will not give any more than we will if we give some between now and then. God's word says, "As God hath prospered" not waiting for June.

Many who have pledged to the Now Club and paid the pledge are probably better off financially than they were when the pledge was made and paid. In order to avoid "too little and too late," they could give some more.

Some pledged and paid a part. No better time to pay in full will ever come than now.

Great numbers of Mississippi Baptists have had no share in reducing our debt. There are various reasons for this but whatever the reason let's not continue to be

guilty of "too little and too late."

Some time in 1944 we are going to get out of debt. And when we do there is going to be a day of rejoicing. Those who have had no part may attend and they will hurt for they will know that they have been hearers only and not doers.

We are not even in Mississippi, nor had we ever been in Mississippi when these debts were made. If anybody is entitled to say that they had nothing to do with making these debts and therefore will have no part in paying them, we have. But when we came to Mississippi we became a Mississippi Baptist. And as long as we owe a dollar we want to help pay, and we then plan to rejoice and will be entitled to do so.

LET'S NOT BE TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE!

—BR—

FEBRUARY SHOWS A GOOD GAIN

In the Mississippi Baptists column of last week the financial report for February showed a gain of \$8,366.68 as compared with February, 1943. Cooperative Program and Designated Gifts showed a gain of \$12,138.76 but Now Club receipts showed a loss of \$3,772.08 which reduced the net gain to \$8,366.68. The loss in Now Club receipts is a source of regret but the net gain of \$8,366.68 is a source of joy.

Month by month Mississippi Baptists are increasing their gifts which is one way of indicating love for God and his affairs.

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HARNESSING YOUTH'S RELIGIOUS ENERGY

College students will soon be coming home for summer vacation. They have been away from the home church for nine months. But during the nine months at school they have been associated with the B. S. U., and with the church, probably holding places of leadership.

Volunteer Enlistment Week for summer service will be observed April 2-9 on college and university campuses throughout the Southland. This week will be one of special programs and clinics to better prepare college students for service in the home church.

Pastors who have had students in their churches for summer service, know the value of volunteer student workers.

Pastors who have not worked with them have missed the joy of working with enthusiastic, energetic, efficient, and consecrated young people. Extension work in new areas resulted in blessing places where religious activities

were lacking.

If pastors will contact their returning students and acquaint them with the church plans and needs for the summer months, many will gladly respond.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

"BOOTLEG" COMPETITION TOO HOT FOR LEGAL LIQUOR SELLERS

A new legislature will convene in January. A new governor will take office.

Either preceding these gentlemen, or immediately following their arrival, there will come representatives of the liquor industry.

They will tell the governor, if he gives them a chance, the legislators and the people in a most plausible manner that "bootleggers" are ruining our young people. That the only way to solve the liquor question, and to prevent drinking, is to license people to sell the stuff. Make it easy for the liquor dealers to set up places on prominent corners and offer every possible inducement for the young people, as well as the old toppers, to patronize them. That will stop them from drinking—that will take the temptation away from them.

But is this true? Does the legal sale of liquor solve the bootleg question? It does not, as even these liquor propagandists know. The legal sale of liquor simply adds to the amount sold by the bootleggers and increases that much the amount of money taken from legitimate channels of trade and puts it into the pockets of the liquor people.

Here is the evidence. Up in Tennessee, a legally wet state, they are worrying much over the activities of "bootleggers." Read this news item that appeared in the Commercial Appeal and then form your own conclusions:

Little Rock, Sept. 28—Revenue Commissioner Murray B. McLeod warned all retail liquor dealers in the state they faced "extremely drastic regulations" if immediate steps were not taken to prevent legal liquor from reaching the hands of the bootlegger.

In a letter to all dealers, Mr. McLeod said:

"It is alarming the number of complaints this department is receiving relative to the amount of legal liquor that is reaching the hands of the bootlegger while the public is unable to purchase liquor at a retail liquor store."

He explained it would be almost impossible for any quantity of liquor to reach bootleggers "unless some liquor dealer is selling the greater portion of the liquor he receives to the bootlegger." Mr. McLeod said it was easy to see how the public was beginning to react by the outcome of recent local option elections. (Seven counties have recently voted dry.)

"If this condition cannot be remedied by the co-operation of the retail dealers," the commissioner declared, "it will be necessary to adopt extremely drastic regulations which will work hardships on the retail permittees and very likely force many of them out of business. The consumer is demanding the protection he is entitled to under the liquor laws."

Mr. McLeod said if the department receives proof of a retail dealer selling his merchandise to a bootlegger the dealer's permit would be revoked immediately. The commissioner has indicated previously the department might invoke a regulation requiring all stores to remain open a certain number of hours a day, and require dealers to put their entire supply of liquor on the shelf.

Some of the interested and simple-minded people will probably contend that this does not count, as it is simply a case of "bootlegging" legal liquor, and not one of "bootlegging" illegal liquor. But call him by any name—the bootlegger is always the same, a violator of the law.—Clarion-Ledger.

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DR. TRUETT GIVEN LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Robert H. Coleman

On Wednesday night, January 5, the First Baptist Church of Dallas in annual church conference unanimously passed the following:

"In view of the serious illness of our beloved pastor, Dr. George W. Truett, whose illness has not notably improved for many weeks; and in view of our tender solicitude for the pastor's peace of mind and relief from burden; and in view of the pastor's deep concern that the work of the church be not permitted to relax:

"Therefore, be it resolved by the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, that we grant our pastor a leave of absence for six months, more or less, according to his own desire and his physical condition; his salary to continue as at the present."

Dr. Truett is a very sick man and has suffered greatly for the past five and one-half months. More than a year ago he began having pain in his left limb and it was thought that the trouble was some form of rheumatism. On July 22 the bone specialists advised an operation on the left thigh bone and the operation was performed, but so far as we have been able to discover it did not relieve the condition. His suffering, at times, has been intense and all the time he has been anxious to get back to his work; because he has been a prodigious toiler, not only through his more than 46 years as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, but for many years before that date. Myriads of friends throughout America and across the seas have been solicitous about his condition and we are all grateful for the prayers of the multitudes of people. Dr. Truett preached six Sunday mornings during the fall of the year, and while the messages were great and very helpful they were delivered from a body of pain.

The church desires to relieve Dr. Truett of any anxiety and of any responsibility in connection with his church work, so that he may more quickly and easily recover his health.—Baptist Standard.

—BR—

A list of 15 subscriptions has been received from Mrs. R. V. Shurley, clerk of Eden church.

S. B. C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PLANS FOR ATLANTA CONVENTION

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opportunities and responsibilities; that we should major as never before in the year ahead on evangelism, enlistment, stewardship, education, prayer, and the Co-operative Program. The brethren seemed to be debt-shy, and not in favor of launching another great financial program such as we did when the Convention met in Atlanta in 1919.

Augusta Invitation Withdrawn

Since present war conditions make it impossible for Augusta, Georgia, where the Convention was organized in May, 1945, to entertain our Centennial session in 1945, that city has formally withdrawn its invitation, and the Executive Committee will recommend Atlanta to the forthcoming Convention as the meeting place next year, since the Convention was organized in Georgia.

Sunday School Board Donates \$50,000

The Executive Committee heartily approved the donation of \$50,000 by our Sunday School Board, which was announced by Secretary Holcomb, to be equally divided between our four theological seminaries—the Southern, Southwestern, American, and the Baptist Bible Institute, \$12,500 to each. This amount is ear-marked for library equipment for the most part.

Co-operative Centennial Program

The committee appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio on a Postwar Program asked for conference with the Committee on Co-operation and Enlistment of the Executive Committee. The two committees found themselves in practical agreement on the subjects discussed in this section of the Executive Committee's report and at the re-

quest of the Postwar Program committee, this section of this report becomes the report of the two committees.

"A Centennial Crusade; a Program for World Redemption"

Southern Baptists are facing two major events which mark an epoch in their history: the closing of their first century of organized effort and the call to greater achievement occasioned by the acute conditions and opportunities brought on by the war.

Mindful of the new day upon us the San Antonio Convention authorized the appointment of a committee on Preparation for Postwar Plans, with Dr. H. H. Hargrove as chairman. That committee has met several times and through the denominational press and various conferences has brought to the brotherhood the necessity of matching the new day with a worthy program.

During this time the various boards and agencies of the Convention have given prolonged study to this most important matter. The committee on Co-operation and Enlistment of the Executive Committee also has been studying this entire situation and joins with the Committee on Preparation for Postwar in making this report.

It is our deliberate judgment that great days are ahead for Christ's kingdom and Southern Baptists if we act in keeping with the times and the will of Christ. God has been most gracious to us. We are now approaching the close of an eventful century of service and the beginning of a new century with unparalleled opportunities. Even though the whole world is ablaze with war we believe we should celebrate our Centennial with the greatest forward movement ever undertaken by Southern Baptists. Our debts are paid, a great spirit is upon our people, the leaders of our institutions and causes are working together with understanding and fraternity, the people are well able and the world is crowded with glaring needs.

In view of these things we recommend that we launch a mighty forward program and that it be called "A Centennial Crusade; a Program for World Redemption."

We recommend that we set ourselves to the following major objectives:

1. **Evangelism**—That an all-out south-wide evangelistic crusade be launched for 1945 with the Home Mission Board as its special promotion agency.
2. **Stewardship**—That a south-wide stewardship revival be launched with the Executive Committee as the promotion agency.
3. **Education**—That through denominational press, special literature, mission magazines, study courses, preaching, teaching, etc., our people be thoroughly informed about our Baptist position and program, and that the effort to increase the circulation of our state and south-wide denominational papers be continued.
4. **Life Enlistment**—That by all possible means the needs for missionaries, pastors, and other Christian workers be impressed upon our youth and that there be perennial prayer that the Lord will call them into His service.
5. **Financial**—That the Co-operative Program be magnified and promoted as our primary means of supporting our work; that a 50-50 division of funds between local and denominational work and 50-50 between state and south-wide causes be considered the ideal; that the right of our boards and agencies to seek large gifts for capital needs be recognized; that a "Centennial Thank Offering" be taken in April for all south-wide causes; and that the Executive Committee set goals for our financial endeavor.
6. **Prayer**—That our people be called to prayer for this program and that a week be set aside as "United Prayer Week."

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To accomplish these things we recommend we carry out the following calendar or order of emphasis:

During 1944

1. That we press all our regular work and urge all state conventions and churches to go as far as possible in paying their debts and in culminating their financial projects.
2. That we magnify the Co-operative Program as the main stay in the support of all our work, both state and south-wide. At the same time we suggest that all agencies seek large gifts for capital and postwar needs.

During 1945

1. The evangelistic crusade be continued throughout the year in the hope of winning 1,000,000 souls to Christ. We call on all our agencies and institutions to go full length for this primary task. We urge every church in the Southern Baptist territory to have one or more revivals and we suggest that every Southern Baptist preacher hold at least one meeting in a pastorless church or churchless community. We indulge the hope that every Christian shall try earnestly to win at least one soul during 1945.
2. We recommend that we close out, climax, and crown a century of service with a great Centennial Thank Offering in April for the rehabilitation and reinforcement of all our south-wide work.
3. We further recommend that we celebrate our Centennial year in the fall with the most thorough-going program of enlistment and stewardship of which we are capable. With this in mind:
 - (1) We suggest that all the states re-study their programs, schedules, and terminology with a view to correlation, understanding, and the fullest co-operation in a united effort.
 - (2) We request the agencies, state and south-wide, to produce literature, including posters, brochures, tracts, etc., to be furnished in adequate quantities for the churches.

(3) We request the fullest co-operation of every state in having great statewide rallies to be followed by associational rallies. These, in turn, to be followed by special meetings in each church.

(4) We request that each church be asked to put on a thorough-going budget campaign sharing liberally as between local work and denominational work.

Unusual days are here, ordinary methods and efforts are not adequate now. We challenge ourselves and all our people to go "all-out" for the Lord's work in a world which has gone "all-out" for war.

Suggested Percentages for 1945

Foreign Mission Board	49%
Home Mission Board	21%
Relief and Annuity Board	14 9/10%
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	4 1/5%
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	4 1/5%
Baptist Bible Institute	4 1/5%
American Baptist Theological Seminary	1 1/2%
W. M. U. Training School	1%

NOTE: Of the 14 9/10 per cent allocated to the Relief and Annuity Board, 9 9/10 per cent must be used by the Board in servicing the Old Annuity Plan.

Operating Budget For Southern Baptist Convention

We believe that the time has come when the Southern Baptist Convention should have its own operating budget. By an operating budget is meant one which shall include a number of items, authorized by the Convention from time to time, now being financed by contributions from one or more agencies of the Convention.

We recommend—

1. That the Convention set up an operating budget which shall include the following items:

Executive Committee	\$40,000.00
Baptist Brotherhood of South	20,000.00
Baptist World Alliance	4,000.00
Education Commission	4,800.00
Social Service Commission	1,000.00
Committee on Baptist History	1,000.00

Note: Convention expenses and expenses of special committees ordered by Convention.

2. That 8 per cent of the receipts of the Cooperative Program hitherto applied to debt service be set aside to provide for this budget.
3. That the Executive Committee of the Convention administer the funds of the operating budget.

A Reserve Fund for the Southern Baptist Convention

Whereas the Convention has passed through a struggle of more than twenty years with debts, the payment of which made a heavy drain upon the funds of the Convention and resulted in curtailment of current work, and

Whereas all old debts of the Convention and its agencies have been paid, we believe that the Convention should stabilize its work by building up a reserve equal to one year's expenditure—approximately \$4,000,000.

We recommend—

1. That the Convention plan such a reserve.
2. That the reserve be built up in the following manner:
 - (1) By starting the reserve with the \$48,738.42 on hand in funds left over from the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club campaign.
 - (2) By The Sunday School Board paying into the funds at least \$5,000.00 a month.
 - (3) By the Southern Baptist Hospital paying into the fund at least ten per

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS (Continued from Page Three)

- (1) Is usually the moderator when the new member is received.
- (2) Should seek to be certain that the new member is ready for membership.
- (3) Should visit the home soon after the person has united.
- (4) Should see that the enlistment committee is active.
- (5) Should probably be the teacher of the membership training class.
3. The New Member Enlistment Committee.
 - (1) Usually comprised of deacons or other active, spiritual members.
 - (2) Should meet the new members and give a welcome immediately after their reception. Some churches have a short conference period immediately after the service for a word of welcome, etc.
 - (3) Should see that proper records, etc., are made and that each department in which the individual is not enlisted receives the name. Should insist that leaders, teachers, etc., visit and seek to enlist the new member. Some churches have some designated person visit the new member and fill out an information card.
 - (4) A membership envelope should be provided. This envelope may contain a letter of welcome from the pastor, a copy of the covenant, a book or booklet on church membership, a copy of a devotional quarterly, information about the church, package of church envelopes, etc.
 - (5) A class in church membership should be held after the revival in which such subjects as membership, doctrine, stewardship, Christian living, etc., is taught. Some churches do this on Wednesday night before prayer meeting, others at other special, designated times. Such classes may also be held at intervals for those who unite at times other than during meetings.
 - (6) In some churches a finance committee calls on the new member soon after his reception, explains the plan of finance and seeks to enlist as a tither, or secure a pledge.
 - (7) If the group plan of membership is maintained, the new member should be assigned to the proper group, and that leader should begin regular visitation and watch care. If the group plan is not used, it would be well to appoint some one as a counsellor to be a church friend to the new member.
 - (8) Letters, etc., from the pastor and other leaders will do a great deal to encourage the new member to growth and enlistment.
 - (9) Some churches have a social or supper for new members soon after the meeting, or at regular intervals, to help bring a contact between the new members and church leaders.—Pastor Joe Odle, Crystal Springs, Miss.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. Lavon Boyles, Laurel, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

President—Mrs. J. H. Street, Hazlehurst, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Traylor
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

Stewardship—Mrs. J. B. Parker, Ripley, Miss.
Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centerville.

Program For W. M. U. Convention April 4-6

Theme—Righteousness Exalteth A Nation

Tuesday Evening

7:35—Meditation.
7:45—Opening Hymn.
Prayer.
Devotional—Mrs. Rosalie Mills Appleby.
Special Music.
Organization and Appointment of Committees.
Announcements.
Offering.
Special Music.
Missionary Address, Dr. J. B. Lawrence.
Benediction in Song.

Wednesday Morning

9:00—Pre-session Prayer Meeting, Miss Pearl Caldwell, leader.
9:20—Meditation.
9:30—Hymn—The Woman's Hymn.
Prayer.
Devotional—Mrs. Rosalie Mills Appleby.
Recognition of Visitors, Missionaries and other guests.
Election of Nominating Committee.
10:15—The Wheel of Missionary Influence—(Presentation of W. M. U. Work).
Special Music.
President's Message—Mrs. J. H. Street.
Missionary Message—Miss Minnie Landrum, Brazil.
Hymn, "My Church Today,"—Mrs. W. C. Tyler.

12:30—Benediction in Song.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:50—Meditation.
2:00—The Morning Light Is Breaking.
Prayer.
Reading of Minutes.
Memorial—Mrs. Earl Hughey.
Symposium—Our Judea—Led by Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Rev. W. E. Greene.
Special Music.
"Dreamers in a World of Reality"—Miss Juanita Byrd.
Benediction in Song.

Wednesday Night

"That the Generation to Come Might Know."
7:30—Meditation.
7:45—We've a Story to Tell to the Nations.
Devotional—Mrs. W. C. Tyler.
Special Music.
Recognition of Organizations and Counselors.
O Zion Haste.
Message—Mrs. Z. Paul Freeman, Argentina.
Benediction in Song.

Thursday Morning

9:00—Meditation.
Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.
Devotional—Mrs. Rosalie Mills Appleby.
Reading of Minutes.
Missionary Address—Miss Pearl Caldwell.

Reports of Committees: Registration, Nominating.
Hymn.
Instruments of Righteousness—Mrs. W. C. Tyler.
Musical Benediction.
Adjournment.

As you study the personnel of the State W. M. U. Program on this page you will realize that all speakers are Mississippians by birth except Mrs. Z. Paul Freeman, and she is now living in Mississippi during her furlough year. If you appreciate these Mississippi products, I know you will make a special effort to attend the Convention April 4-6 beginning at 7:45 Tuesday evening.

We are giving a list of the Hotels with the hope that you will make your reservation early.

Jackson Hotels and Hotel Motor Courts Jackson, Mississippi

It is recommended that visitors planning hotel stops in Jackson make reservations in advance. By this procedure guests will be assured of obtaining the accommodations they desire in case of conflict with some event which draws crowds from outside the city.

The hotels and hotel motor courts listed here are members of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce. All operate on the European plan and have free automobile parking lots.

The rate ranges given are for single rooms or single cottages.

Edwards Hotel—235 W. Capitol St., 400 rooms and 400 baths. Rates—\$2.00 to \$3.50.

Hotel Heidelberg—131 E. Capitol St., 275 rooms and 275 baths. Rates—\$2.00 to \$3.50.

Robert E. Lee Hotel—N. Lamar St., 300 rooms and 300 baths. Rates—\$2.50 to \$3.50.

Walthall Hotel—225 E. Capitol St., 200 rooms and 200 baths. Rates—\$2.50 to \$3.50.

Royal Hotel—123 E. Capitol St., 100 rooms and 50 baths. Rates—\$1.50 to \$2.00.

Alamo Plaza Hotel Court—Intersection of Highways 80 and 51-South, 80 cottages and 80 baths. Rates—\$2.00 to \$5.00.

Homewood Manor Hotel Court—U. S. Highway 51-North, 18 cottages with baths. Rates—\$2.00 to \$3.00.

Tarry More Hotel Courts—1951 Terry Road, 20 units, 20 baths. Rates—\$2.50 to \$3.00.

Redwood Tourist Courts—1334 Terry Road, 24 rooms, 16 baths. Rates—\$1.50 to \$4.00.

The Women and Young People of the W. M. U. of First Church, Jackson, want to extend, through The Baptist Record, a most urgent invitation to all the Baptist women of Mississippi to attend our W. M. U. Convention, April 4th-6th.

As always, the program is full to the brim of good things. Messages that will inspire us to do more in His name for our great missionary program. Information that will help us to be more

intelligent and efficient members of Woman's Missionary Union. Prayer groups that will lead us in a closer walk with God.

Missionaries both Home and Foreign will make a great contribution to this program, giving from their own rich experiences.

For the hosts of Baptist women of Mississippi to share these blessings with each other will be a privilege indeed and we urge your attendance.—Woman's Missionary Union, First Church, Jackson.

The Macon, Mississippi, W. M. U. of First Baptist Church would like to "publish glad tidings" concerning their Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

The two afternoon circles had an average attendance of twenty, with seven members attending all five programs. The offering reached a total of \$110.00. The Business Women's Circle contributed \$36.50 and the Sunbeam Band gave over \$5.00.

Truly, it was a week of perfect cooperation, led by the program chairman, Mrs. W. W. Martin and the circle chairman, Mrs. W. C. Carpenter, Mrs. L. B. Morris and Mrs. Cornelia Gillespie.

The results were gratifying and the spiritual benefits of this week are continuing to be felt. A Week of Prayer can be wonderful.—Mrs. O. U. Jones, Macon, Miss.

TEN BEST BOOKS

GEORGE W. TRUEITT—James.
RIVER OF PEARLS—Cranfill.
SALLY JO—Bird.
WHITE ORCHIDS—Hill.
APRIL GOLD—Hill.
WHITE LADY—Hill.
RAINBOW COTTAGE—Hill.
RUTH—By Her Mother and others.
THE HEART OF THE ROSE—McKee.
BEAUTIFUL GIRLHOOD—Hale.
—Mrs. M. G. Austin, Taylor.

25 Years Ago

The W. M. U. societies of Central Association under the superintendency of Mrs. M. M. Fulgham, of Jackson, will hold a rally in Clinton on the 28th day of this month.

W. A. Hancock resigns at Itasca, Texas, and moves to Ft. Worth to become evangelist and field representative for the Seminary.

We are glad to learn that Dr. R. M. Boone has been persuaded to withdraw his resignation of the church at Cleveland and will remain with them. We need him in the Delta.

The Second Baptist Church in Jackson which has worked the budget beautifully and has grown strong under it, proposes to make through its Sunday School a special offering of \$500 for the Mission object on the last Sunday in March.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES By Dr. Chester M. Savage

Called and Accepted

J. R. Davis, Highland, Meridian, Miss.
H. B. Jamieson, Kissimmee, Fla.
H. M. Smith, Stephenville, Texas.
S. F. Beard, Southside, Lake City, Fla.
Dewey Adams, Binningham, Tarrant City, Ala.
J. R. Baldrige, Ketchum, Okla.
Dee Watkins, Mazie, Okla.
R. L. Vanhorn, Hillcrest, Oklahoma City, Okla.
W. E. Boatwright, Byars, Okla.
Houston Fitzgerald, Russell, Miss.
Leroy Brown, Abbeville, Ga.
E. B. White, Straightstone, Va.
W. L. Ross, East Side Tabernacle, Atlanta, Ga.
Bill Oswald, Bonifay, Fla.
Gray Evans, Calvary, San Augustine, Fla.
Clyde Spear, Davis, Okla.
R. T. Bridges, Basile, La.
W. H. Griffin, Westside, Union, S. C.
J. W. Wood, Johnson Mem., Portsmouth, Va.
L. M. Cooke, West Elkins, N. C.
J. W. Thomas, Humphrey, Ark.
G. H. Ussery, 2nd, Monticello, Ark.
Charles Nash, McCrory, Ark.
J. B. Luck, Lake Village, Ark.
L. R. Riley, Briensburg, Ky.
A. L. Cox, Folsomedale, Ky.
Vernon McDonald, Trilby, Fla.
W. G. Stracener, East Hill, Pensacola, Fla.
Tom Carter, Hillcrest, Tulsa, Okla.
J. M. Green, Boston Ave., Muskogee, Okla.
J. E. Little, Hennepin, Okla.
Bill Eustis, Copan, Okla.
Jack Combs, Anthony, New Mexico.
S. E. Harry, Woodsboro, Texas.
J. B. Shoemaker, Algoa, Texas.
W. S. Rule, Oak Ridge, Clinton, Tenn.
R. T. DeArmond, Chesterfield, S. C.
Fred T. Evans, Jamestown, Tenn.
J. W. Nelson, Big Rock, Tenn.
Norman Baker, Grace, Ripley, Tenn.

Resigned

J. R. Davis, Paris, Ky.
H. B. Jamieson, Havana, Fla.
Jack Hanna, Haile, Texas.
H. M. Smith, Henderson, Texas.
S. F. Beard, Cornersville, Tenn.
Dewey Adams, Hughs Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.
E. K. Judy, Trinity, Paducah, Ky.
Gray Evans, Southwest City, Mo.
W. G. Stracener, Riverside, Miami, Fla.
V. R. Meadows, Clara and Buckatunna, Miss.
Tom Carter, Heavener, Okla.
S. E. Hary, Alta Loma, Texas.
R. T. DeArmond, Midway, Ky.
W. S. Rule, Eastern Parkway, Louisville, Ky.
J. M. Green, Mountain View, Okla.
Clyde Spear, Alma, Okla.
C. C. Wilcutt, Tarrant, Okla.
D. O. Davis, Lanes, S. C.
J. W. Wood, Oakland, Roanoke, Va.
Charles Nash, Hunter, Ark.
A. M. Vollmer, Dyersburg, Tenn.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Washington, D. C.

There is something inspiring about the nation's capital, and this is even more true in war times. Always full of people, it is more so now.

If our men in the armed services are as numerous on the battlefields as they are in Washington, the war should soon be over for the enemy will be overwhelmed by the sheer weight of numbers.

On our trip we travelled on seven different railroads. Every one was crowded. But everybody seemed to take the inconveniences of war time in a good spirit.

We are fond of grits (hominy grits in Washington) but not Washington style. They serve it with milk. We drank the milk and ate the grits with butter.

Bethesda, Maryland

While in Washington we had the privilege of preaching for our old college classmate, Dr. J. Raymond Nelson who is pastor of Bethesda church. They have completed the first unit of what will be one of the prettiest buildings in that section. It has been a long time since we have been in a church with a more worshipful attitude. The church is situated in a fast growing section and in the years to come is destined to have a large share in the spiritual development of that community.

Dr. Nelson is a fellow Tar Heel and one of the best friends we have ever had. From the remarks of several of his members we suspect that they love him as much as a people can love a pastor. And he deserves it. He is one of God's preachers in whom there is no guile.

Deemer Joins the Parade Is No. 717

Recently a letter from Pastor H. W. Froshour, pastor of Deemer church, Neshoba county, brought a list from Deemer church, which the pastor stated was 75% of the resident families. He also stated that he hoped soon to make it 100%.

It is faithful pastors like this all over the state that are helping The Baptist Record circulation to grow by leaps and bounds.

Neshoba county Record readers are listed as follows: BEAT LINE 12; BLACK JACK 12; BLUFF SPRINGS 16; COLDWATER 41; County Line 2; DIXON 19; EMMANUEL 18; FELLOWSHIP 10; Good Hope 2; HOPE 13; LINWOOD 14; McDonald 4; MT. SINAI 14; NESHOPA 40; OAK GROVE 22; PEARL VALLEY 36; PHILADELPHIA 257; Salem 2; SARDIS 30; SPRING CREEK 23; SOUTHSIDE 12; NEW HARMONY 27; DEEMER 15.

Central Church, McComb

Pastor Fred B. Bookter asked us to explain the EVERY FAMILY Plan to the deacons of Central church and we heard him the first time. They gave us an attentive hearing and the EVERY FAMILY Plan will probably be a part of their coming year's program.

gram.

Plans are already on foot to build if and when. They have already outgrown the church building and have bought a nearby residence which is serving as an annex.

Record readers in Pike county are now listed as follows: Bala Chitto 1; Bogue Chitto 31; Central 5; EAST McCOMB 245; FERNWOOD 67; Friendship 27; Holmesville 2; McComb First 67; MAGNOLIA 77; Mt. Zion 8; OSYKA 92; Progress 3; Silver Creek 4; SOUTH SIDE McCOMB 91; SUMMIT 62; TANGIPAHOA 89; TERRY'S CREEK 65; Union 15, and JOHNSON 30.

Midway Church, Newton County, Adopts EVERY FAMILY Plan

A recent letter from L. G. Bassett, pastor at Midway church in Newton county brings an EVERY FAMILY list from the church, thus increasing the circulation of The Baptist Record and insuring that the Midway church will be informed Baptists.

Newton county Record readers are listed as follows: BETHEL 17; Beulah 1; CENTER RIDGE 15; CHUNKY 24; CLARK VENERABLE 92; CONE-HATTA 36; GOOD HOPE 12; HICKORY 75; Lawrence 1; LIBERTY 54; Little Rock 6; MT. NEBO 10; MIDWAY 18; Mt. Pleasant 2; Mt. Vernon 2; NEWTON 160; Oakland 1; PINKNEY 37; DECADAR 12; PROVIDENCE 25; Roberts 1; ROCK BRANCH 10; ROCK HILL 16; STRATTON 12; UNION FIRST 155; PINE GROVE 12; DUFFEE 21; NEW IRELAND 23; Hopewell 3.

Mt. Zion (Clarke County) is EVERY FAMILY Becomes No. 712 On Every Family List

Rev. G. A. McGrew having experienced the EVERY FAMILY Plan at Liberty church in Lauderdale county has led Mt. Zion church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. A recent letter from the treasurer, Mrs. M. W. Still, brought 19 new names to be added to the three already subscribing. It is pastors like this who promote the Record without outside aid that have helped The Baptist Record to its present circulation of almost 40,000.

Clarke county Record readers are listed as follows: Barnett 1; CENTER RIDGE 24; Crandall 1; ELAM 24; ENTERPRISE 75; HARMONY 39; KNIGHTS VALLEY 15; MT. ZION 22; PACHUTA 34; PINE HILL 11; PLEASANT GROVE 15; PLEASANT HILL 14; QUITMAN 97; Rolling Creek 1; SHUBUTA 17; SOUENLOVIE 29; STONEWALL 139; DESOTO 29; OAK GROVE 13; BUCATUNNA 22, and Pine Grove 1.

See Page No. 16. Is your church on the B. M. C. Glory Roll? Is it on any of the others? Five hundred five churches are on one roll or another. It is hoped the other thousand churches will have a part soon.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE



Blue Mountain, Miss., March 13—By tilting this page to the right, you will see in this Blue Mountain College campus scene, a distinct though undesignated cross. Blue Mountain is

recognized by nearly every one as a symbol of Christian education. The hearts of those who guide its destiny are fixed on the Cross of Christ.

THE BOOK STORE MANAGERS MET IN NASHVILLE LAST WEEK

Harold E. Ingraham
Business Manager, Baptist Sunday
School Board
Nashville, Tennessee

Southern Baptists have real service agencies in their twenty-two Baptist Book Stores. Their managers came to Nashville last week for conference. All were there except the one from Maryland. It was an inspiration to be among them. They are a keen, intelligent, and dedicated company of denominational servants.

They work in the consciousness that they have a practical, cultural, and spiritual ministry among Southern Baptists and they are bringing to it their full measure of service.

"The greatest year in history" was the book store record for 1943 which was in review. Every store showed an increase over 1942, the total being 38 per cent. Confessedly, the very success enjoyed was in some cases an embarrassment. What with the scarcity of supplies and the difficulties of help, it was strenuous beyond statement to handle a greatly increased demand for service, yet a most creditable record was achieved.

A number of the stores went into larger quarters. This was true of Atlanta, Georgia; San Antonio, Texas; Louisville, Kentucky; Shreveport, Louisiana; and Birmingham, Alabama. Others desperately need more room.

A new store was established in Phoenix, Arizona, with Miss May Detherage as manager. The South Carolina store had a new manager in Mrs. Carl Becker, succeeding Miss Lottie Durham, retired.

These stores were carried as service stations to the denomination for a number of years at an expense to the Sunday School Board. Now they are paying their own way and expanding as agencies to serve in the field of religious books, church supplies of all kinds, Bible distribution, and general

cultural centers for the upbuilding of our common interests.

We urge their use. They will not be able to meet every need this year but they will do their best. Not every songbook and every particular Bible called for can be furnished. But songbooks and Bibles will be available. Not every mistake and criticism can be avoided. But every mistake can be examined and corrected as far as possible. We therefore urge your use of your book store—your frank criticism—your open call for attention and service. It will have our best response.

S. B. C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PLANS FOR ATLANTA CONVENTION

(Continued from Page Five)

cent of its net earnings.

(4) By placing in the reserve any amount on hand in the operating budget of the Convention at the end of each year, after payment of all bills, and after reserving a reasonable balance to start the new year.

(5) By placing in the reserve, year by year, all receipts from the Cooperative Program after each and every agency has received the full amount of its approved budget, including its contingent funds and its own reserve fund.

(6) By other approved methods.

3. That the reserve fund shall be held by the Executive Committee and that no disbursements of the reserve fund shall be made except by specific authority and instruction of the Convention; except in dire emergency the Executive Committee shall make a reasonable appropriation for the emergency.

Mrs. James R. Goff, Lucedale, recently sent The Baptist Record a nice list of subscriptions.

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666 TABLETS. SALVE. NOSE DROPS

IF YOU ARE —

A pastor, a Sunday School Superintendent, President or Teacher of a Class—WHY NOT give your congregation, your Sunday School, or your Class, opportunity to make a FREE-WILL Offering to—

THE ANTI - SALOON LEAGUE

Next Sunday — March 26th — Temperance Day

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Next time you need calomel take Calotabs, the improved calomel compound tablets that make calomel-taking pleasant. Sugar-coated, agreeable, prompt, and effective. Not necessary to follow with salts. Caution: Use only as directed.

Home Mission Board

Trust The Lord And Tell The People

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

March, 1944

Joe W. Burton, Secretary of Education

NINE NEW MISSIONARIES APPOINTED

Missionary appointments from the nation's capital to the Canal Zone were made by the Home Mission Board in a meeting of the executive committee in Atlanta March 2.

The nine new appointees makes a total of 487 workers of the Board now serving throughout the South and in Cuba and Panama.

A new field of work and a new type of work were opened by the new appointments. The new field was entered with the appointment of Rev. and Mrs. Aurelio Gutierrez who are already serving a new church recently organized by Rev. Paul C. Bell in Costa Rica. The Board has authorized Brother Bell to complete arrangements with British Baptists to take over their mission work in Panama.

A new type of work was begun with the appointment of two workers for the Government's vast dormitory housing projects in Washington. Miss Evelyn Mills and Mrs. Roy Briesen were named upon recommendation of the District of Columbia Board to minister in the dormitories occupied by young women.

Other new missionaries named were Rev. Julian Reyna, Spanish, Las Cruces, N. M.; Miss Doris Christensen, Indian Field, Santa Fe, N. M.; Rev. and Mrs. Rankin T. Bridges, French Field, Basile, La.; Rev. Ebie McGee, French Field, Barataria, La.; Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred D. Morgan, Canal Zone.

A critical need for additional Baptist chaplains, especially in the Navy, was reported by Dr. Alfred Carpenter. With only 117 Baptist preachers serving in this branch, an additional 197 are requested this year, 70 of whom are needed in March. The Army, with 854 Baptist chaplains on duty, seeks from the South this year 126 more. In both branches there are now 971 Baptist chaplains.

February receipts for Home Missions totaled \$41,866.34, an increase of 34 per cent over the same month last year, Dr. J. B. Lawrence reported.

Upon Dr. Lawrence's recommendation an income of \$27,763.61 from the Bottoms Trust Fund was appropriated for use in Cuba. In less than ten years this fund has earned more than the capital investment, all of which earnings have been used in Home Mission work.

FLORIDA COOPERATES IN CITY MISSIONS

The offer of the Florida Baptist Convention to cooperate on a fifty-fifty basis was accepted by the Home Mission Board in the executive committee's meeting March 2.

According to the agreement the two boards will share equally in paying the salaries and local traveling expenses of superintendents of city missions in the four urban centers where the work is now under way.

It was pointed out at the Home Board meeting that this is the first instance of all of the city mission work in a state being placed on such a basis.

AGED SEMINOLE WOMAN CONVERTED

Since my arrival on the Seminole field in Florida some weeks ago I have visited each camp. A word of prayer has always been offered in each camp.

We were encouraged by hearing the pagan people saying, "Amen."

"Now they have found the Lord," I said to my wife.

We were not sure, though, that a ninety-seven year old woman was saved until she became ill and we were called to her bedside.

"You said, 'Amen,'" I remarked as I talked with her. "Do you believe in Jesus? Will you take Jesus?"

"Yes," she said, "I will take Jesus as my Saviour."

This was the second conversion since my wife and I came to this work.—Stanley Smith, missionary to the Seminoles.

CALIFORNIA NEEDS TRAINED WORKERS

By Percy Ray

Recently I spent some weeks in California in mission work.

This is the most needy field I have ever seen in my life.

There are scores of places that need a church and a preacher, yet there is no one to serve the church if it should be organized.

There are many thousands of Southern Baptists in California without a church house. Many of these are begging for someone to come and organize a Southern Baptist church. They are also pleading for a preacher in these towns.

There are cities here with 50,000 to 75,000 population and no Baptist church. There are plenty of Baptists in any number of these towns to start a church.

The greatest need of this field is a large number of trained preachers and workers to come and develop it.

LIGHT NEEDED TO OPEN SPIRITUAL EYES

By Alex Pasetti

Italian Missionary

A few days ago we visited in a home whose members still call themselves Catholics, yet the young mother expressed great dissatisfaction with the practices and teachings of the Catholic church. It seems that many of that church are beginning to feel the same as this young mother.

We discussed at length the differences between the two faiths, ours and hers, and read together portions of the Bible pointing to the "whereof we speak" in contrast to the teachings of the Catholic Church. She was very interested and we discussed freely the things pertaining to the church and religion.

"Until recently," she said, "I used to go to confession, but my uncle stopped me. He said I could pray at home and God would forgive me without my having to let the priest know my personal affairs. Is that true?"

"Yes," I was happy to say, "that is true. If you are a child of God, if you believe in Him and believe in Jesus

Christ, you can talk with God."

This was in an Italian home.

In a Spanish home we had a similar experience. A young lady who called herself a Catholic only because she was "baptized" when a small child so that she would be permitted in the convent, told us that she did not believe in the teachings of that church at all.

Yet she fails to see the Light. She is too much satisfied with the world, and so far we have failed to make any gains except to gain her friendship, which to us in this work is a great step forward.

These are just two examples of what we have to fight against. We keep looking for the day when the eyes of many here shall be opened, when the veil shall be lifted from their eyes and they shall see the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

Continue to pray for us and for our people.

MEXICAN CONVERT GIVES LIFE FOR COUNTRY

By A. N. Porter

One of our Mexican boys whom I baptized here in the mission at Waco spent more than a year in the South Pacific as tail gunner on a plane.

The War Department gave him credit for shooting down five Zeros and for sinking a Japanese cargo vessel. His picture made the front pages of the daily newspapers three times. The Army gave him several medals and other honors.

He was given a month's leave to come home to see his mother and sisters. He arrived safely in San Francisco. There he and several other heroes boarded a plane to fly to Texas.

The plane went into heavy clouds, hit a mountain, and all on board were killed. The body was sent home with a military escort. We had the funeral in our church, then a military service at the grave.

Another boy in the family is serving in the infantry. One sister will receive her A.B. degree at Howard Payne College in May, and the other sister is a student nurse at the Baptist Hospital in Waco.

AWAKENED INTEREST FOUND IN MISSIONS

A dozen requests which he receives for each open date has convinced Dr. J. F. Plainfield, Home Board field worker, of a growing widespread interest in Home Missions.

"While I am sorry that I can only accept one call at a time," he says, "I am just as equally happy over the growing interest in missionary information in the churches of all states."

One of his most successful schools of missions was held recently in a South Carolina church where the pastor "was sure not more than twenty-five people would respond," Dr. Plainfield relates.

"As the session opened on Sunday there was an instant response," Dr. Plainfield continues. "All books were immediately sold and a crowd of more than 150 attended regularly the classes and inspirational messages, with the

men much in evidence."

In Misosuri, whence Dr. Plainfield went after his South Carolina school, he found the opportunity great with the challenge of missions being put before the country churches.

"To be sure there are those who will not give in in spite of all the evidence," Dr. Plainfield writes, "but sooner or later they will wake up to their loss and turn to full cooperation. He must get the information to them in some way."

"Last night a fine looking young man came forward and surrendered fully to Christ after I had told of God's dealings with me in my experience of Grace. The whole membership of the church surged forward to take the hand of the pastor and pledge their full consecration to the whole cause of Christ and His kingdom."

STRENGTH TO WIN SOULS

By Jose S. Flores
Mexican Missionary

Recently I promised to lead in revival services 180 miles from my church. Everything was ready and we had prayed very much for the meetings.

On Saturday I began to be sick and Sunday I had to see the doctor. He told me not to eat anything for two days. I wrote the pastor and told him I could not come for the meeting because I was sick.

Tuesday at 11:30 a. m., I received a telegram with these words: "Brother Flores we are waiting for you as you promised."

I thought I was too weak as I had not eaten since Saturday—four days without eating. Then I thought of the words of our Saviour, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

I prayed then sent a telegram saying that I was coming. I got there at 6 p. m. Brother I. E. Gonzalez of Corpus Christi preached for me that first night. Wednesday I fainted twice because I was so weak.

Wednesday I felt fine and preached until Sunday. As a result of this revival there were seventeen conversions and four received by letter.

I saw once more that God answers prayer and He gives us strength to preach his sweet Gospel to lost souls.

The Italian Mission in Kansas City recently ordained one of the men in its membership to the office of deacon. Twelve pastors of the city composed the examining council, according to Mrs. Christ Napoli, wife of the missionary and church clerk.

Sunday School and B. T. U. Attendance

	S.S.	B.T.U.
Danial (March 12)	117	46
New Haven (March 12)	51	—
Parkway	322	134
Griffin Memorial	366	245
First Baptist, Jackson	732	277
Calvary	662	194
Brookhaven	403	144
Gulfport	390	—
Rockey Creek (George)	76	39
Wallerville	27	15
Enon (Panola)	25	31
Bogue Chitto (Pike)	54	92
West Side Natchez	76	35
Moselle	37	40
Shelton (Jones)	55	28
Crystal Springs	383	121
Pinola	27	23
Oil City	—	57
Hardy	63	—
New Albany	292	110

**NOTICE
NORTH MISSISSIPPI PASTORS**

Please hold the date of June 19-23 if at all possible. We are to have a one-week Bible Conference at Oxford which bids fair to be one of the best. The following speakers and teachers are already definitely engaged and others are being sought: Dr. R. G. Lee, Dr. D. A. McCall, Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Dr. Duke McCall, Dr. L. Bracey Campbell, Dr. H. L. Martin, Dr. J. W. Lee, Dr. F. M. Purser, Rev. Ed L. Byrd and Rev. A. B. Pierce.

The plan is to have Bible study centered around the following great subjects: God's Financial Plan; The Lord's Supper; Baptism; Church Discipline; Plan of Salvation; The Church (its officers, working plan, etc.); Missions; Prayer, and The Holy Spirit.

The University of Mississippi has agreed to furnish preachers a dormitory free of charge and each one may secure his own meals at the cafeteria at approximately \$1.50 per day. Further details later.

JAS. B. RAY,
Your Enlistment Pastor.

IMPRESSIVE INSTALLATION

The Grace McBride Y. W. A. formed by the nurses of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital recently conducted an impressive installation of officers for 1944.

Sarah Mikell presided and Senie Beth Hubbard gave the devotional from Proverbs 22. Helen Creel led in prayer and Yvonne Parks sang a solo. Each of the incoming officers was presented with a token symbolic of her duties for the coming year, as follows: President, Hattie Mae Wilson, received a magnifying glass, that she may "magnify the duties and activities of Y. W. A."; vice president, Frances Ray, a fishing outfit to cast for new members and absentees; secretary-treasurer, Lesby Mitchell, a record book, and a purse with the funds on hand; community missions chairman, Helen Creel, a New Testament that she "might emphasize spiritual work" of the Y. W. A.; mission study chairman, Mary Ina Skinner, a small chair from a foreign nation, emphasizing world-wide interest in missions; program chairman, Rose Morgan, a scrap book that she "may keep account of activities"; publicity chairman, Lottie Dale Jackson, a pen staff, that she may "make posters, invitations, and reports"; music chairman, Maxine Miley, a song book, and literature chairman, Juanita Hammond, a copy of "The Window of Y. W. A." that she "may interest others in subscribing."

A suitable gift to the Y. W. A. was presented by the outgoing president, Sarah Mikell. Prayer by Mrs. B. H. Lovelace closed the meeting.

Evangelist Barney Walker preached in the revival at Pine Grove in Simpson county. Services were held daily also at Old Hickory and Dixie schools. There were 18 additions, six by letter and 12 by profession of faith. The church was deeply stirred, and plans were made for another revival next February with Barney Walker again leading.—D. W. Moulder.

Mrs. Lou Thereatt recently sent in a nice club of subscriptions from Hurricane church, Attala county.

**CHAPLAIN MARK LOWRY
IN ITALY**

This is the close of a busy Sunday I have just been making a record of the things I have done today.

I went to C battery this morning and visited practically the entire battery, holding little devotionals for them. It was not practical to hold long services for the men must watch the planes most of the time.

The Jerries came over several times but did not attempt to do any damage. They are gun shy. At the same time we are sending them formations of bombers and fighters. The artillery had been pounding them relentlessly for about thirty-six hours. They were trying desperately to make a stand, but we are moving up. They were sending over some 88mm shells while I was over there, but they were not hitting anything.

One day I was on my way from one gun position to another when eight ME-109's and Folk-Wolfe came over bombing and strafing with a vengeance. After we had fought them off, the boys yelled to me that a man was killed at the very gun to which I was going. I hurried on in my jeep as fast as I could go. Then jumped out and ran about two hundred yards. I asked the boys in the gun pit if they were all right. They said they were, but that there were some wounded men just a bit farther on. I ran over there and found two men badly scratched up. They were knocked off the gun seat by the blast from a 500 pound bomb that had fallen a few yards from the pit. I saw they were not seriously hurt and ran to an officer who was down and could not get up. Upon examining him, I found that he had a hole in his leg below the knee. He did not seem to be in serious trouble. Therefore, hearing men shout out on the road, I ran out there and found a man down on his back in the ditch, bleeding, and some inexperienced men trying to do something for him. No aid men had arrived. I yelled for the men at the gun pit to call ambulances. I got the badly wounded man into the ambulance first, then the other three. Then the boys told me that the dead man was still in the gun pit. I ran out there and found him lying in the bottom of the pit wrapped in a blanket. They had thrown a blanket over him and kept on with their business. I got the body up out of the pit, finding a 20mm shell hole in his chest. I made the necessary records and sent for an ambulance to take his body away, which they did promptly. Such as this makes the boys more determined than ever. We are shooting down so many planes that they hardly dare come. Yet, the Germans are cunning, tricky and dangerous. If they had the planes and could get them through, they would wipe us out. But, by the help of God, we have them out-classed in every way.

The reason that I am writing all this is that the people back there may know something of what their boys have to go through and how they carry on and that they may pray for us. We are going to get this war over with after a while. Then we can thank God for the victory. I know He will give it to us.

People who think they have a hard time back home do not know any-

OTTIS I. BYRD

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom and mercy has called home our friend and Brother-in-Christ, and fellow-Deacon, Ottis I. Byrd, and

WHEREAS, Ottis I. Byrd lovingly and faithfully served his Lord in the Lumberton Baptist church as a Deacon for many years—and more recently as chairman of the Finance Committee, and

WHEREAS, we feel keenly the loss of this brother beloved who was not only a church worker but who was a kind and loving father and husband to his family.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Deacons of the Lumberton Baptist church that this document be an expression of their deep appreciation for Brother Byrd's faithfulness, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to The Baptist Record, to the local papers, and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of this body.

T. A. KELLY,
D. D. BOUNDS, committee.

MRS. ELIZA BRINSON

Mrs. Eliza Newsome Brinson recently departed this life at the age of ninety-six years and five months and twenty-four days. She was reared and spent all her life in Lawrence County and lived in the town of New Hebron ever since it was located. She was married to the late Adam Brinson in 1865. To this union five children were born. All are dead. She out lived her husband, all her children, all her brother and sisters, and all her brother-in-laws and all her sister-in law.

She was a member of the Baptist church for seventy-five years. Though totally blind for twenty-seven years she was always cheerful and tried to cheer others. She had many sorrows but did not discuss them with others. She was constantly an inspiration to the writer, she helped to strengthen our faith. Our entire community will greatly miss "Granny Brinson." The writer conducted her funeral in the New Hebron Baptist church, which was crowded with her many friends.

B. E. PHILLIPS.

NOTICE

All of my time is engaged until the last of November. But some of these weeks are marked for promotional purposes only. Therefore, if some churches in the new section of my territory (northwest Mississippi) desire my services let me know at once and I may be able to rearrange some for you. Also there may be cancellations and you could have that time.

In short, let any one, anywhere, in North Mississippi that desires my services get in touch with me, but please understand if I have to say no.

Thanks, brethren.

JAS. B. RAY,
North Mississippi Enlistment Pastor.

See Page No. 16. Is your church on the B. M. C. Glory Roll? Is it on any of the others? Five hundred five churches are on one roll or another. It is hoped the other thousand churches will have a part soon.

Living out of doors in rain and mud, fighting and dodging bullets is enough to test anybody. But strange as it may seem, the boys who have the hardest time carry on better than anyone else. It seems that there is no limit to their endurance. They want stop, but go on and on. The harder the scrap, the harder they go. You would not think American boys would have such morale. It is the best in the world.

**LATONIA CHURCH WRITES THOSE
IN ARMED SERVICES**

One of the best form letters for use in writing to those in the armed services is one used by Latonia Baptist church, John E. Huss, pastor.

Printed copies of the letter are distributed free to all who attend prayer meeting. The people present fill out the letter and mail to their friends or relatives in the armed services.

The letter is reproduced below.

The Hour of Power
Latonia Baptist Church
February 16, 1944

Dear -----:

The Church we love met for a great Prayer Service tonight. We prayed earnestly for success of the ALLIED INVASION. We remembered you in prayer. How we long for that day when you will be home! Our Pastor hoped to have 1200 praying for you. Here are the details:

The following people came to represent you:

There were ----- present. The weather was ----- Our preacher was: Happy? -----, deliriously happy? -----, disappointed? ----- He almost shouted—yes ----- no ----- He did shout—yes ----- no -----

The choir was ----- the following hymns were sung. -----

The message was: good ----- fair ----- terrible -----

There were ----- soldiers who came from Ft. Thomas. We took a picture of the Hour of Power. Would you like a copy?

Please write Brother Huss and give him your reaction to the service. He will answer your letter within twenty-four hours.

Lovingly,

DR. W. R. COOPER HONORED

Tylertown Baptists recently honored W. R. Cooper on the observation of his tenth anniversary as pastor. The daughters of the pastor had asked the privilege of decorating the church and selected pink carnations, arranged by the W. M. U. committee, transforming the church into a lovely scene. Ten white candles symbolized the years of service. The sermon was pronounced as wonderful by those attending this service. In the afternoon the pastor and his family held open house, and hundreds of citizens called to share the happy occasion, and also to extend birthday greetings to the pastor for whom the W. M. U. had provided a handsome birthday cake. The fact that the pastor's beloved wife, who has passed on, had long before planned the happy event added to the sweet sentiments attached to every part of the day. The relationship of pastor and people is very fine here.—H. A. Scott.

We recently received a new and renewal list of subscriptions from McAdams church. This list was sent in by F. Y. Gowan.

DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING

AUBER J. WILDS
State Secretary

Box 530
Jackson, 105, Miss.

Miss Sara Wallis
Associate

Are You Looking Ahead?

District Training Union Conventions
June 5-23

Junior Memory Work Drill

For the purpose of encouraging consistent emphasis on the Bible Memory Work in our Junior Unions, we sponsor, as a part of our District Training Union Convention, a Memory Work Drill for Junior boys and girls, 9-12, inclusive. We are urging that every leader take the material given below (plus what is given in the Quarterlies) and by means of games, contests, and drills endeavor to teach it to EVERY member of the union during the next two months.

It is hoped that every association will have a meeting, at which representatives from all churches will be given a chance to participate in a drill, from which TWO winners will be selected to represent the association at the District Convention. If your association does not arrange for such a meeting, then you will bring your representative directly to the District Drill.

The Juniors will be quizzed on the following:

1. They will be expected to know all the Memory Verses for the FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF 1944. They are to give the verses exactly as they are given in the Quarterly, including the scripture references.

2. The Books of the Bible.

3. Who said: In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. (Angel of God to Abraham). In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust. (David). In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. (Solomon). Here am I, send me. (Isaiah). He must increase, but I must decrease. (John the Baptist). I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. (Paul). Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. (Jesus). I find no fault in this man. (Pilate). This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased. (God). Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only. (James). Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee. (Peter).

4. Where do you find the story of (Give book and chapter): The first sin; Ten Commandments; Daniel in the lion's den; God's call to Samuel; Israelites crossing the Red Sea; Zaccheus; Last Supper; Crucifixion of Jesus; Widow with two mites; Jesus' baptism; Lazarus raised from the dead; Earthquake in prison; The ten virgins; Great Commission (Quote).

5. Spell: Baptism, baptize, convention, association, denomination, tithe, Christian, salvation, forgiveness, eternal, preacher.

6. Tell in your own words how one becomes a Christian.

All the above should be taught to all the Juniors if you do not expect to have a representative at the convention. These are things every Junior should know. You adults who are reading this, test yourself and see how good you are.

Jones County Makes Great Plans For Summer

Jones County Association is one of the progressive associations in the

state. Last year they put on a summer program which proved so helpful they are planning for still a larger program this summer. The plan includes the employment of two or three young men, preferably preachers who will work in the county for at least two months and during that time promote the educational work of the denomination as well as help in a few evangelistic meetings. In addition to these they plan to use a large number of local volunteers, thus giving their young people a splendid opportunity to do some real missionary work. This is a wonderful plan and we commend it to every association. Many study courses will be taught for both Training Union and Sunday School. Vacation Bible Schools will be held, and hundreds of souls, we trust, will be saved.

If I Were The Leader In Your Place!

If I were the leader of the union you are the leader of I might do just like you are doing, and on the other hand I might do a little different. I do not know just what you are doing, but if I were the leader here are two or three things I would do. 1. This being March and the spring study course month, I would have a study course for my union. If I failed to get it in in March I would have it in April. 2. I'd write Mr. Wilds, State Training Union Director, occasionally and tell him about my union. If it was good he would rejoice with me, if it wasn't so good he might give me an encouraging word and a suggestion for making it better. 3. I would have my members in my home EVERY WEEK. We would play together, then we could work together in a better way. 4. I would do my best to make my union a standard union. This would not be hard. I would check the records every week and thus know where the weak places were and so could strengthen them. 5. I would seek to develop EVERY member in his devotional life. If there were unsaved members I would try to win them to Christ. I would emphasize the church as worthy of our best. 6. I would study, attend all the associational meetings and conventions that I possibly could, and I would do my best to have a goodly number from my union attend every meeting planned in their behalf, church, association, state, and south-wide. These things I would do for Christ's sake. Before I would do these things though I would have to love the Lord, and love the work my church had asked me to do.

East McComb Enlarges Their Training Union

Thanks to Brother H. P. Porter, co-pastor, and A. A. Scarborough, Training Union director of East McComb Baptist Church, for a splendid report of their Training Union work. They have recently organized a new Junior, Young People's and Adult Union. They now have two unions in each of the five departments, thus giving them ten splendid unions. While this goes to press they are having their study courses. Enthusiasm runs high as Training Union comes into its own in this good church.

SOME VALUES IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

If you want to make the young people of your church happy, hold a Vacation Bible School. It will thrill a pastor's very soul. If you want to disappoint them, announce that there will be no Vacation Bible School. I have done both. The latter is to my sorrow.

The Vacation Bible School is the one agency, more than any other, that helps a pastor to win his way into the lives of the young people. It is there that the best acquaintances are made. They never forget the pastor after he has been with them and led them in a Vacation Bible School. It is the one place that he meets all the young people from Beginners through Intermediates. They learn to love him and he learns to love them. Such a mutual relationship between pastor and young people will influence parents and the entire church. Through the Vacation Bible School your church touches the lives of people in which the Sunday School and Training Union fail. Practically all the young people attend Vacation Bible school, but this is not true in the Sunday school and the Training Union. Parents even become enthusiastic in the things their children learn and do in the Vacation Bible School, but not true with many in regard to these other agencies of the church. Following a good Vacation Bible School the enrollment and attendance in Sunday School and Training Union will increase, even in the adult department.

The Vacation Bible School is an evangelistic agency. It helps to put Christ in the lives of young people.

Two Junior boys went to the pastor during a school and asked for a private interview. They wanted to tell him that they were trusting Christ as a personal Saviour. They had felt their need of Christ through impressions received in this school. Yes, the Holy Spirit works in Vacation Bible Schools. Such instances as the above happen over and over in Vacation Bible Schools. Why not have more of them?

For the above reasons, not mentioning many others, I expect to continue having Vacation Bible Schools in the church or churches where I am pastor. They are worth more than all the efforts required.

A. A. WARD, Pastor,
Lena, Mississippi.

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See Page No. 16. Is your church on the B. M. C. Glory Roll? Is it on any of the others? Five hundred five churches are on one roll or another. It is hoped the other thousand churches will have a part soon.

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Summertime is about here. This means vacation days for our boys and girls. Some will work. Each should make his or her contribution in work in the present emergency. All will not work. None will work all the time. Each church should plan a busy schedule of recreation, social life, and special teaching for the summer. It will be money well spent. It will be a profitable service. It will be a preventative in keeping them away from evil places. It will be positive as a character builder—teaching cooperation, respect for others, importance of planning, and many other things.

NO! It is not in the Great Commission but it is part of our home, community, and church responsibilities and obligations. The social and recreation natures are of God! Why let the devil take over? The church people should direct it, for always, when other agencies take over, sooner or later, questionable practices creep in.

In the day when the Lord returns unto Zion—dwelling in the midst of Jerusalem, a city of truth, the holy mountain (Zechariah 8), the children are playing in the streets—manifestly pictured with the commendation of the Lord.

Many of our churches are hoarding money, while many boys and girls are lost for want of attention. Many of our churches spend money for things of less value than is this proposed service to our boys and girls. Our boys and girls are worthy of our best for Him! Mission Boards spend money along this line. Why let our local boys and girls suffer for want of this help?

Leaders in this work should have spirituality, vision, energy, imagination and common sense.

In our three pastorates between Seminary days, and our present work we saw such service rendered our boys and girls in the form of a tennis club, athletic club, or planned social life. RESULTS: Neither of the three fields was characterized by worldliness. Each field was a busy, happy, spiritual, growing field for Christ Jesus!

Streets filled with playing boys and girls is much better than places of vice, or slipping around dark corners, etc. There are plenty of clean games, and amusements, without departing into other fields

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March 26

Don't forget that Sunday, March 26, is Home and Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday School. Make it the day that it should be in the interest of these two great denominational causes, both educationally and financially.

It Usually Is

Recently an Educational Director in one of our Mississippi churches, in sending in a report of some Sunday School training work, said: "The training of teachers and officers is the greatest hindrance here, but they are responding to my urge to take as many books as they can."

Yes, lack of training usually is the greatest hindrance to any school. Where this important part of the work is neglected, the whole program suffers. This is the mainspring of all action for a school. If this is lacking, it will show up elsewhere.

Therefore, plan now for that week of training during April, which is the spring of the year month for Sunday School training.

Programs Now Ready

The Primary Assembly programs by Mrs. B. Whitfield of Picayune for the quarter April, May and June are ready for you.

If you have used these programs in your department, we know you liked them well enough to want them for next quarter. If you have not used them, you should by all means try them. You will certainly find them very helpful. This is what one primary superintendent said about them, "These programs worked like a charm. Naturally, we had to make some variations, but they are surely excellent." These programs may be had for 50c by writing the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, 105, Mississippi. Order now and have them ready for the new quarter.

April 24-29

April 24-29 is the week of our three Sunday School Conventions at New Albany, Philadelphia and Brookhaven. The programs are all complete and in the hands of the printer. One will be mailed to every pastor and every superintendent in the state about April 1.

We believe we are offering you the privilege of the services of some of the greatest men and women in the South, both for conferences and inspirational messages.

Please save the date—April 24-29—and plan to attend the Convention nearest you.

Just 18

During the months of November, December, January and February, every association in the state reported Sunday School training except these 18: Attala, Benton, DeSoto, Greene, Itawamba, Jasper, Kemper, Lafayette, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, Noxubee, Perry, Smith, Tallahatchie, Tate, Union and Yazoo.

Surely these 18 will come through within the next several months and make it 100 per cent for the state. Now is the time for these 18, along

with many others, to plan for that Sunday School training course during April, which is the designated month for the spring. Plan now and make it count in a great way in training your workers to build bigger and better Sunday schools.

Point IX

There seems to be much confusion in the minds of many with reference to the interpretation of Point IX of the general Sunday School standard.

The requirement simply is that 50 per cent of the officers and teachers, including either pastor or superintendent, shall have credit for one of the three administration diploma books (BUILDING A STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND THEIR WORK, A CHURCH USING ITS SUNDAY SCHOOL, and 50% of the officers and teachers, including pastor or superintendent, shall have credit for at least one diploma book other than the three mentioned above.

As the second lieutenant in our company during World War I would say: "That's all there ARE to it."

It does not mean that 50% of the officers and teachers must have a diploma. We know of several schools that held up their application for some time thinking that one-half of their officers and teachers must have a diploma before that point could be met. This is not the meaning of the requirement.

Pastors Only, Please!

Beginning Monday, May 1, and running through Friday, May 5, at Pontotoc, Ackerman, Laurel First, Brookhaven and Indianola, the Sunday School and Training Union departments, with the cooperation of the Sunday School Board, are sponsoring five meetings for pastors only.

The program will begin at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and close at 8:00 in the evening, the host churches furnishing dinner and supper free for all pastors attending. We are also paying 2c per mile each way for each car. State and Southwide workers will be on the program. These should be great days with our pastors in a get-together about vital matters pertaining to our church work.

We are calling these conferences SEVEN HOURS COURSE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Save the date and be sure to attend the conference nearest you.

We recently received a nice club of subscriptions from Pleasant Grove church, Wayne county. This list was sent in by Pastor D. L. Harrison.

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J. W. Burnett has been pastor of the Coldwater Baptist Church, Neshoba county, since Jan. 1941. During his work at Coldwater he has accomplished many things for the good of the church and community. The present membership of the church is 143, 35 of these having been added since he began work. The inside of the church has been finished and painted, together with the Sunday school rooms. Through his leadership the church has gone from one-fourth time to one-half time. The church feels very fortunate in having a man like Bro. Burnett to lead it. —Reporter.

At the first Sunday afternoon service in Columbus, Evangelist Hyman Appelman asked that the offering be taken and given to the Red Cross. The nice sum of \$232.69 went to this cause.

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A diversion of support from the Cooperative Program or a decrease in contributions through the Cooperative Program would seriously affect every cause fostered by Southern Baptists.

If during 1944, 10,000—fewer than one-half—of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention will average an increase through the Cooperative Program of two hundred dollars a church, the total increase will amount to two million dollars. This will mean two million dollars of new money for the great world-wide program of Southern Baptists.

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South proposes this as a definite goal for 1944, and, to that end, we offer our facilities and our services to our pastors, our State Mission Secretaries and to Dr. J. E. Dillard, Director of Promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention.

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FROM JEWISH LAWYER TO BAPTIST PREACHER

(Continued from Page One)

go into a show, sit there five or ten minutes, and then my nerves would begin to get jittery, and I'd jump up and leave the show. I'd go to bed at night and I'd toss around restlessly. Many and many are the nights I've gotten up and dressed and almost run down the street trying to get tired enough to get some rest.

When I left Chicago in December, I weighed 213 pounds. When I finally made my surrender to the Lord in March, I weighed 151 pounds. The loss was not because I had to go hungry. I could have spent \$1.00 for breakfast, \$2.00 for lunch, \$3.00 for dinner, and \$5.00 for midnight lunch, and when the money I had with me ran out, I could get more. But I didn't have any source of rest or ease or appetite. I understand what that feeling means now, because I have seen evidence of it in others, especially since I've been a preacher of the gospel, but I didn't know what it was then. It was the Holy Spirit pressing and impressing upon my soul the testimony of that good Christian man for the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Denver I made up my mind I was going to see a doctor. I just couldn't stand any more, so I determined to ask one of the secretaries at the YMCA to tell me about a doctor. The only place that was open at that particular hour was the employment office. I walked in there, and there was a man sitting at the desk.

Without looking up, he heard me coming, and said, "We don't have any jobs."

I said, "I don't want a job."

"We don't lend money in this place," he told me.

I got mad and I'm afraid I said some bad words. I started stomping out of that room. The man jumped up and came over to me and turned me around, and said, "I'm sorry. I'm an old man; I've been here for twenty-three years, and you're the first one who's ever come for anything except a job or money. What do you want?"

I said, "I'm in trouble. I'm sick, and I want you to tell me of a good doctor. I need a good one, because I'm willing and able to pay for the best in town."

He said, "Sit down and talk to me a little bit."

He asked me some questions, and I told him a little about myself. He studied me for a minute and then he said, "I don't believe I can help you, but across the street is my church." It was the Central Christian Church of Denver. He said, "I just saw my pastor—his name is Dr. James E. Davis—walk in there. You go over there and talk to him. I know he can help you, and if he thinks you need a physician, there are half a dozen of the best doctors in the membership of our church."

That was good advice. He said further, "I'll call him and tell him you're coming."

"Thank you," I said, and walked out of that office, down the steps and across the street to the church. By the time I got there, the pastor was waiting for me. He called me into the parlor of his study and said, "Sit down here in this rocking chair." He pulled another rocker to my side, and said, "Tell me, what can I do for you?"

I said, "Doctor, I don't feel well. I

need a physician; I need medical treatment. The YMCA secretary said you had some good doctors in your church."

He said, "Tell me a little about yourself. Who are you, and where are you from?"

I told him the story of my life, only in more detail than I told it here, because he asked me questions, one after another. We started talking at about two or three o'clock in the afternoon, and it was long past midnight before we were through. With all my soul I thank God that that preacher had the grace and patience to stay with me. He asked me about my father, my mother, and my religion, my Lord, and what I knew about the Bible, and Judaism, and Christianity, and then when he got all through, he said, "You don't need a doctor, my boy, you need the Lord Jesus Christ."

I started to get up. "Doctor," I told him, "I'm a Jew. I don't believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I don't need Him."

He pressed his hands on my knees and kept me down. I couldn't just push the man away, so I sat there. Presently, instead of keeping on talking with me, he went over to a window, and there on a window seat was one of those little Bibles used in Sunday School. He took that Bible and came over to me and opened it. He would read a portion and then talk about what he had read, and then read and then talk. Sometimes he would ask me to read, and would ask me whether I understood, and he told me the story of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, mind you, he didn't preach. He didn't tell me what to believe. He didn't draw any kind of moral. For the first time in all my life, I heard the true story of Jesus. (I wouldn't besmirch my lips, I wouldn't defile the name of our precious Redeemer, by telling you what I thought of the Lord Jesus Christ up to that time.) He told me that story so well and so vividly and so warmly, and with tears which—sometimes coursed down his cheeks, that I could almost see and feel the Lord Jesus Christ right there in that room.

He told me about His birth and infant years and His appearance in the temple. He told me about His baptism, about His teaching, His preaching, His healing, and His miracle working. He told me about the prayer in Gethsemane and the blood sweat, about the cruel cursing of Pilate's judgment hall, about the cross. He told me about the resurrection and the ascension. He told me about the second coming, and for the first time in my life I heard what I now believe to be the truth—that my people are confusing the second coming of Christ with His first coming. Of course, I didn't know that the Bible taught two comings, and most of my people don't know it yet. The more this man of God told me, the clearer it became and the more definitely it sank and burned into my soul. Oh, I do thank God for Dr. Davis, and the warmth and the enthusiasm and the burden of his testimony.

After a while he stopped. Turning to me he said, "There is one thing that will help you and nothing else. Will you accept Jesus as your personal Saviour?"

I said, "Preacher, I can't do it; I just can't do it."

"Well," he replied, "there is just one

more thing I can do for you. Will you kneel down and pray with me?"

"I don't know how to pray," I answered. "You don't mean for me to pray Hebrew prayers, do you?"

He said, "No, I want you to pray out of your heart."

I said, "Preacher, I've never done that in my life. I wouldn't know how to begin."

He said, "You kneel with me, and I'll pray for you."

We dropped to our knees, and he put his arm around me and pressed me to himself, and he began to pray. His voice was so tender, his words so broken. I opened my eyes, and began to study him. Great beads of perspiration stood out on his forehead. His face was white. Great drops of tears coursed down his cheeks. I did not understand how anybody who had met me for the first time that day could be so concerned about me. Thank God, I understand now, for I've wept my soul out time and time again over the souls of men.

When he had concluded his prayer, he turned to me. My heart was in my throat. I didn't know what to do. I wanted to jump up and run out of that room, I was so torn and disturbed and unhappy. The devil was putting up his last fight to keep me from accepting Christ.

Still with his arms around me, the pastor said, "Will you now accept and confess Christ as your personal Saviour?"

I said, "Preacher, I can't do it, I just can't do it."

"Why not?"

I was almost hysterical. I said, "I'll tell you why. You've been honest with me. I'll be honest with you. I've got a father and a mother and four brothers and a sister. I'm the oldest son. My father has bankrupted his life to help me. My mother has slaved away her days to help me. If I give my heart to Christ, it will break their hearts, and bring them down to their graves."

He said, "I know. I understand. But think what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for you. After all, He loved you, too, and He not only lived for you, but died for you—and he kept on pressing the cross upon me."

It's hard enough to tell it now, heart-breaking to tell it, but it was soul-crushing then. I'd take a good long look at Jesus stretched out on that cross for my sins, and in between would be the faces of my father and my mother. I'd take a good long look at their dear faces—and oh, how I loved them, and how I love them now, with all my soul and all my heart! Standing between them and me would be the cross of my Redeemer.

The preacher was praying and crying, and I began to cry, too. Surely the Holy Spirit came to my help. I was honest; I was sincere; I was really trying to find out the truth. Presently there came an ease in my heart, a kind of looseness.

I said, "Preacher, when you say, 'accept Christ,' what do you mean?"

He opened the Bible again, and I can tell you what he turned to this time, because that's the first verse I ever memorized, and I memorized it right then and there on my knees, in that parlor room. It was Romans 10:9. He read it to me: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

SIZE QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASS

(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. If you were asked to explain the meaning of the words 'amiable' and 'tabernacles', as found in Psalm 84; Verse 1, how would you answer?
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2. "as a tall tree" (in Isaiah, Chap. 6; Verse 13). If you were asked to describe it, and the source of its name, how would you reply?
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3. In several versions of the Bible, (including the 'King James Version'), 'Jubilee', spelled with one 'e' is pronounced 'Jubilee'. What is the literal meaning of the word?
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4. "Mount Moriah" is mentioned only once in the Bible. It was a very important location. Can you name two (of the many) outstanding events which took place there?

dead, thou shalt be saved."

He said, "Do you understand it?"

"Not quite."

He said, "Well, you read it." I did and then he added, "Read it out loud."

I read it again and again, four or five times, and then I knew it by heart.

He said, "Do you understand it now?"

"Well," I answered, "what does it mean to 'confess Christ'?"

He said, "Let me ask you some questions. Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins?"

I countered with: "Do you believe it?"

"He said, 'Yes.'"

"Why do you believe it?"

He said, "Because the Bible says so."

And I replied, "Well, I believe it, too."

And, friends, somehow I did. I didn't understand why then, but I do now. You read John 7:17. That verse says, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."

If you have any doubt about some verse of Scripture that contains a definite commandment of God, you just say to Him, "Lord, I'll do whatever it teaches me to do," and God will open it to you, and explain it to you. He did that for me right there on my knees.

I said, "I believe Jesus Christ died for my sins because you believe it and the Book says so."

"Now do you believe that God raised Christ from the dead?" The pastor asked me.

I said, "Do you believe it?"

He said, "Yes."

"Why do you believe it?"

He replied, "Because the Bible says so."

"I believe it, too," I declared, "because you say so and the Bible says so," and somehow, thank God, and glory be to Christ, I did believe it!

Then he said, "Will you confess Christ as your personal Saviour?"

"You still haven't told me what it means to confess Christ as my personal Saviour," I reminded him.

"Will you ask God, for Christ's sake to forgive your sins? That's all."

His arm still around me, my body pressed to his body, I closed my eyes. My heart was full. My soul was torn

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for March 26

THE SACREDNESS OF LIFE

Bible Texts: Genesis 1:27, 28; Matthew 12:11, 12; Romans 14:19-21; I Corinthians 6:19, 20

I. Creation and Blessing. Genesis 1:27, 28.

Look this passage up and read it! To write this to you, to me indeed is not irksome, but for you it is safe. Read it!

Do you not think it is distinctly uplifting to think of man as having been created in the image of God? The story of man's creation, just as it stands here and in the second chapter of Genesis is not only inspiring, but agrees better with Christian experience than any other theory that has ever been advanced. One may say that no other theory of the origin of man leads to so lofty a conception of man's capacity for advancement, holds before him so lofty an ideal, or inspires him with so exalted a hope.

People who hold any theory which rejects the Bible account as a rule do not appraise man very highly. Trace the difference in the matter of the wars which have wasted the life and substance of the world during the past fifty years and see whether this be true. The nations which have gone farthest astray from God, which have lost the conception of the lofty origin of man, are they not the very people who have become brutal in their treatment of prisoners of war? Are they not the very ones who have made wanton war with less reserve of conscience?

Of course there is a sacredness of the human body in the sight of God, and the binding force of this sacredness is adequately emphasized in the later passages of Scripture on which this lesson is built, but we may be very sure that, specifically, it was the soul of man that was created in the image of God. I think "mind" and "soul" are words that may be taken to mean the same psychological entity, though there is, I think, a distinction between the two; but whatever may be your own idea about this matter, we shall agree that there is nothing incongruous in God's making the body a dwelling place for the soul created in His image. So there was nothing wrong in the fact that the Son of the blessed God took upon Him a human body and tabernacled in it, having become human in nature as in appearance.

Upon man, created in His own image and likeness, God bestowed such a manner and such a measure of blessing as He bestowed upon no other creature. "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue it; dominate the fish and fowl, and every living thing." Man is to be master of the world. He is to be fruitful, to multiply, to fill the earth. It is not yet nearly full. The world could sustain a population very much larger than that which occupies it now. Did you read the passing numbers of the papers being prepared by the National Geographical Society for our information as to where our men are being stationed? I was amazed to learn that New

Guinea has an area a bit larger than that of the original thirteen states of this union, and that its population is very sparse, whereas it will not unlikely sustain a population of 75 million people. It is only one of many lands of which this is true.

And man is to subdue the earth, to drain its marshes, tap its vast hidden treasures, harness its potential forces, stamp out its breeding places of disease and death, and make it wholesome for man's habitation. Man is to dominate the winds and the waves, its peaks and plains, its flora and fauna, its entire content of things capable of adding to the comfort and well-being of man.

II. Comparative Worth of Man. Matthew 12:11, 12.

I have not space in this paper to quote the passages referred to, and that is why I keep insisting that you read them. Now, a sheep has value, especially to the people of our Lord's day and land. The very living of many of His fellow-countrymen depended upon sheep. Their owners were careful of the sheep, because they had value. But man is of more value than a sheep, than many sparrows, than anything else in the world, in the sight of God. And this greater value is because of the difference in the origin, purpose, and destiny of man. He alone was created in the image of God; he alone was created for the purpose of building the wastes of earth into useful adjuncts to the progress of the world; he alone has a destiny which finds its consummation in God.

III. The Consequent Obligation to a Harmless, Helpful Life. Romans 14:19-21.

This passage is taken from a portion of Paul's letter to the Romans in which he is discussing the question of what it is right for a Christian to eat or refrain from eating, what days we should observe or refrain from observing. He sets forth the broad principle that a man shall, in cases where there is no clearly obvious principle governing, so conduct himself as to avoid harming anyone else by his example. Paul exhorts the Romans to "follow after things which make for peace," the things which bring and maintain peace among the brethren. He no doubt means that we are to do nothing which will occasion violent discussion or contention among the members of Christ. What is right under a given set of conditions? I know a fine town now where there once labored a splendid young singer, a young man who has since risen to some fame and some notoriety. In this town and in the church in it, there are people who hold widely varying opinions of that young man. The painful thing to me as I now recall it, is that the young men who would most quickly and angrily take sides for this young man in any discussion as to the sincerity of his profession or worth of his life, have not become leaders in the work of the church.

In the Roman world of Paul's day, bees were slaughtered as acts of sacrifice to this heathen god of that, and their flesh was offered for sale in the markets of the cities. People who wanted to worship one or another of the heathen gods could do so by preparing and eating a meal of the flesh of an animal which had been slaughtered in worship of the chosen god, so any man who bought

PROGRAM SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION (Continued from Page One)

7:45—Foreign Missions—Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary.

9:30—Adjournment.

Wednesday, May 17 Morning Session

9:00—Song and Prayer.

9:05—Journal.

9:15—Miscellaneous Business.

9:30—Report of the Executive Committee—Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary.

11:30—Address—My Church Yesterday—C. Roy Angell.

12:00—Adjournment.

Afternoon Session

1:30—Song and Prayer.

1:35—Report of the Committee on Baptist Papers—Finley W. Tinnin, Chairman.

1:50—Report of Committee on Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign—Louie D. Newton, Chairman.

2:05—Election of Officers.

2:25—Report of the Sunday School Board—T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary.

3:25—American Bible Society—Francis

a piece of flesh of an animal which had been slaughtered in honor of Jove, would be regarded as worshipping Jove. Paul would say, "Go on and buy your beef. Ask nothing about it, say nothing about it. You know an idol is nothing; but, if a new Christian, an immature Christian, or a weak Christian, sees you buy, and asks you whether you are not going to worship Jove, or in any other manner lets you know that he thinks you are, you would do well not to eat that meat at all." Now, that does not mean that a Christian must eat nothing but spinach, but that he should eat his food of such kind and in such manner as to cause no brother to sin.

IV. The Temple of the Holy Spirit. I Corinthians 6:19, 20.

What? Your body the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit of God! Yes! Down at the little town of Summit the little church had the finest sexton I ever saw in action. The sexton was one among the finest young ladies of the town or of any town or city, large or small, anywhere. She used to plan from week to week the floral decorations of the church. The floors, the furniture must be spotless, speckless, fleckless, and the flowers must be arranged just so as the fine artistic sense of that fine lover of flowers directed. So an older lady said to me, "Frances inherits her love of flowers and taste for arranging them from as far back as her grandmother, that I know." And the finest she could do was none too good for the church where the Lord met sometimes with His people. That young woman had high regard for His house. Well, Paul says that the body of the Christian is the dwelling place of the Spirit of God. Would you pollute that house? Would you dare beswear its windows with any sort of filth? Would you take a vandal's brush in hand and daub its beautiful pictures into vulgar and obscene caricatures of the lovely scenes they were designed to represent?

Besides, your body is not your own. It is part of you which God purchased through the redemption price paid by the Lord Jesus. You are tenanted God's dwelling. Do you not realize that you are under binding obligation to the divine proprietor to keep the house you inhabit in order, in cleanliness, in purity?

C. Stifler.

3:35—Report of Committee on Boards—J. W. McCall, Chairman.

3:45—Miscellaneous Business.

3:50—Report on Evangelism—W. H. Knight, Chairman.

4:05—Report on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws—L. E. Barton, Chairman.

4:30—Adjournment.

Evening Session

7:00—Song and Prayer.

7:10—Chaplains and Camp Work—Alfred Carpenter.

7:45—Home Missions—J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary.

9:30—Adjournment.

Thursday, May 18 Morning Session

9:00—Song and Prayer.

9:05—Journal.

9:15—Report of the Education Commission—Charles D. Johnson, Chairman.

9:35—American Baptist Theological Seminary—E. P. Alldredge, Chairman of Commission.

9:45—Report of Committee on Negro Ministerial Education—Ryland Knight, Chairman.

9:55—Baptist Bible Institute—Duke K. McCall, President.

10:05—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—E. D. Head, President.

10:15—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—Ellis A. Fuller, President.

10:25—Address—Theological Education—Duke K. McCall.

10:55—Report of Radio Committee—S. F. Lowe, Chairman.

11:30—Address—My Church Today—C. Oscar Johnson.

12:00—Adjournment.

Afternoon Session

1:30—Song and Prayer.

1:35—Report of Southern Baptist Hospital—Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent.

1:50—Report of the Relief and Annuity Board—Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary.

2:45—Miscellaneous Business.

3:00—Report of Social Service Commission—J. B. Weatherspoon, Chairman.

3:20—Address—My Church Tomorrow—Theodore F. Adams.

3:50—Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.

3:55—Report of Committee on Public Relations—E. Hilton Jackson, Chairman.

4:10—Report of Committee on Church Music and Worship—Ellis L. Carnett, Chairman.

4:20—Report of Committee on Resolutions.

4:30—Adjournment.

Evening Sessions

7:00—Song and Prayer.

7:10—Report of Committee on Luther Rice Memorial—W. S. Brooke, Chairman.

7:15—Report of Committee on Baptist History—W. O. Carver, Chairman.

7:25—Report of Committee on Statement of Principles—Ellis A. Fuller, Chairman.

7:45—Report of Committee on Post-War Missionary Program—H. H. Hargrove, Chairman.

8:05—Report of Committee on Call to Prayer for Just and Righteous Peace—Pat M. Neff, Chairman.

8:10—Report of Committee on Post-War Peace Planning—J. M. Dawson, Chairman.

8:20—Address—The Christian and His Country—J. M. Broughton, Governor of North Carolina.

8:50—Report of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South—Lawson H. Cooke, General Secretary.

9:30—Final Adjournment.

Committee:

Guy N. Atkinson,

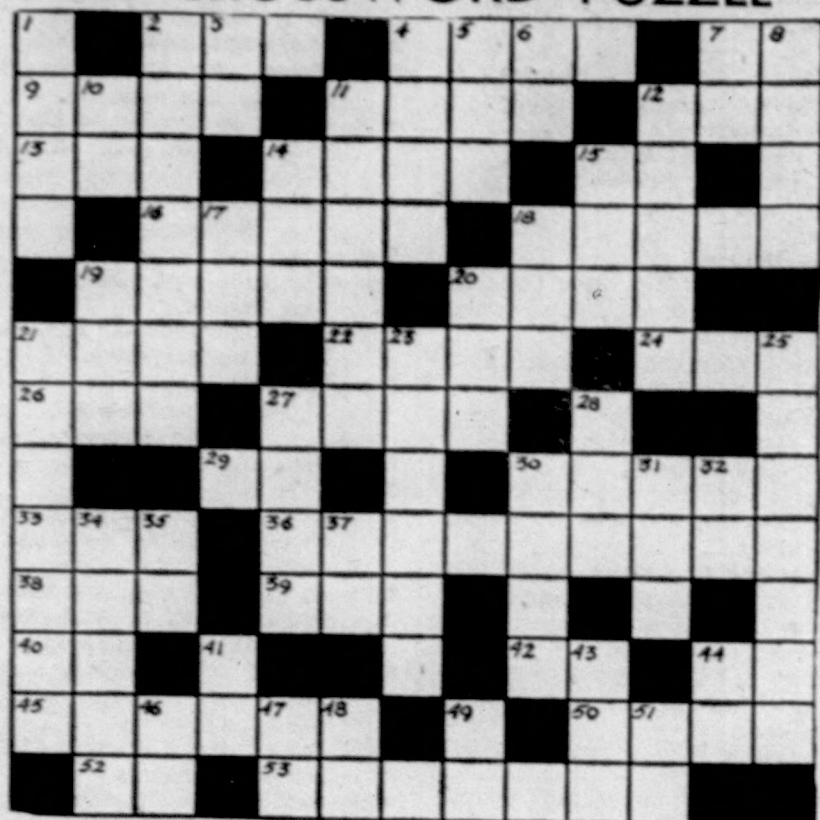
C. B. Bowen,

Joe H. Hankins,

J. Winston Pearce,

R. Kelly White, Chairman.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification."—Rom. 15:2.

ACROSS

- 2 "... if ye have respect to persons," Jas. 2:9.
- 4 "... shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour," Lev. 19:17.
- 7 N. W. state.
- 9 "way of an eagle in the ..." Prov. 30:19 (pl.).
- 11 Gift.
- 12 To court.
- 13 Also.
- 14 Fruit.
- 15 North America.
- 16 "Speak ye every man the ... to his neighbour," Zech. 8:16.
- 18 Heathen.
- 19 "... not bear false witness against thy neighbour," Ex. 20:16.
- 20 "... your enemies," Luke 6:27.
- 21 "of them that ... the cud," Lev. 11:4.
- 22 "nor doeth ... to his neighbour," Ps. 15:3.
- 24 "I ... daily with you teaching," Matt. 26:55.
- 26 A Gaelic god of the sea.
- 27 Hillside (Scot.).
- 29 "... every one that thirsteth," Isa. 55:1.
- 30 Son of Ginath, I Kings 16:21.
- 33 "Thou shalt not defraud ... neighbour," Lev. 19:13.
- 36 "Devise not evil against thy ..." Prov. 3:29.
- 38 Garden tool.
- 39 "did ... their meat," Acts 2:46.
- 40 Ellis Scotch.
- 42 Tantalum.
- 44 "A friend loveth ... all times," Prov. 17:17.
- 45 "thy cause with they neighbour," Prov. 25:9.
- 50 "he shall grow as the ..." Hos. 14:5.
- 52 "... a man pleadeth for his neighbour," Job 16:21.
- 53 "Fret not ... because of evil men," Prov. 24:19.
- Our text is 2, 4, 19, 20, 33, 36, 52 and 53 combined.

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Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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to shame," Prov. 25:8.

- 2 "shalt not hate thy ... in thine heart," Lev. 19:17.
- 3 "makest ... a reproach to our neighbours," Ps. 44:13.
- 4 Father of Eliel, I Chron. 6:34.
- 5 Mountain on or near which Aaron died, Deut. 32:50.
- 6 "say unto them ... his right hand," Matt. 25:34.
- 7 "Love worketh ... ill to his neighbour," Rom. 13:10.
- 8 "salt not go up and ... as a tale-bearer," Lev. 19:16.
- 10 First of the four satellites of Jupiter.
- 11 "... is a neighbour that is near," Prov. 27:10.
- 12 "that useth his neighbour's service without ..." Jer. 22:13.
- 14 A king of Assyria who invaded Israel, II Kings 15:19.
- 15 Navigation.
- 17 "Eat not of it ... nor sodden," Ex. 12:9.
- 18 Poland.
- 19 "hath done what ... could," Mark 14:8.
- 20 "hate his neighbour, and ... in wait," Deut. 19:11.
- 21 "Naked, and ye ... me," Matt. 25:36.
- 23 "speak ... every one with his neighbour," Ps. 12:2.
- 25 "I was ... and ye gave me drink," Matt. 25:35.
- 27 "A ... of him shall not be broken," John 19:36.
- 28 "the ... which the Lord God had taken from man," Gen. 2:22.
- 30 "So is the man ... deceiveth his neighbour," Prov. 26:19.
- 31 "and ... thine ear, to my," Prov. 5:1.
- 32 Greek letter.
- 34 One of the prophets.
- 35 "I was a hungered, and ... gave me meat," Matt. 25:35.
- 37 Babylonian deity.
- 41 Fourth note in scale.
- 43 "... things whatsoever ye would that men," Matt. 7:12.
- 44 Indian mulberry.
- 46 Bachelor of science.
- 47 Size of shot.
- 48 Exclamation of inquiry.
- 49 "righteous ... more excellent than his neighbour," Prov. 12:26.
- 51 "... a man borrow ought of his neighbour," Ex. 22:14.



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FROM JEWISH LAWYER TO BAPTIST PREACHER

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within me. I wanted to cry and cry hard. I bit my lips until somehow I got control over myself.

Then I lifted up my face to God, and through my clenched teeth, I said, "Lord, I don't know, and I don't understand, but this man says and this Book says that Your Son died for my sins, and that if I ask You to, for His sake, You'll forgive my sins. Lord, for Christ's sake, do forgive my sins."

You say, "What happened?"

Let's see if I can explain it to you. Have you ever had your sides taped up? I have. I was thrown from a horse one time when I was a boy, and the horse stumbled down on me and almost killed me. For days I was taped up, with a kind of strait-jacket around my body. I remember the day it was taken off, and what a relief and ease it was! Have you ever "had a stitch" in your side, and it seemed that you had to breathe by jerks, and then all of a sudden the "stitch" was gone and you could take a deep breath without pain—and how easy it was, and what a relief! Well, that's exactly the way I felt when I had prayed to God to save me for Christ's sake.

The preacher lifted up his voice and began to thank God for my salvation. He stood up, and helped me up.

I looked at him and said, "What must I do next?"

"Well," he replied, "you ought to be baptized."

"When could you baptize me?" I wanted to know.

He said, "Now, tonight, or tomorrow, but I would rather you'd wait until Sunday. By coming publicly, you might help someone else to come to the Lord Jesus Christ."

I said, "All right."

"You be ready Sunday," he said.

I thought Sunday never would come, I was so anxious to follow the Lord in beautiful baptism.

When Sunday morning came, I arrived at the church early, about nine o'clock, before Sunday School, and waited for the preacher. I had an extra shirt and a pair of trousers wrapped up in a newspaper. When the preacher came, he took me into the dressing room and he put that little package on the shelf, and said, "Now, when the service is over, we will both come in here. We will both change clothes, and I will baptize you."

He took me to a Sunday School class, and I thoroughly enjoyed it, and then I went to the church service. I sat there in that crowded auditorium. He preached, and gave the invitation, and I didn't move, I didn't know I had to move. Well, he motioned for me to come down the aisle. I turned to see to whom he was motioning. It was all strange to me. Finally, he walked down from the pulpit, came over to where I was standing during the invitation, and said, "You have to make a public confession of your faith."

I said, "What does that mean?"

"Well, you've got to answer some questions."

I said, "When? Where?"

"Right there in the front," he told me. He stepped back into the pulpit, the invitation continued, and I walked down to the front.

I had no more than stepped out in the aisle when another young man came and sat down beside me in a

Some Great Bible Doctrines

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me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:16-20.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

"And he said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

And ye are witnesses of these things

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:46-49.

"As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." John 17:18.

In Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in ALL Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." We have the last spoken words of Jesus before His so-called earthly ministry is completed.

The first book of the Bible has missionary implications. One such implication is Genesis 12:2-3. There are others!

The last book of the Bible has missionary implications. One such is Revelation 7:9. There are others!

In between these two the mission-

front seat. We were both questioned. We both made our confession of faith in Christ. After the service was over, I was baptized. When I walked out of the church, the crowd had gone home, but the young man was waiting for me—that young man who had come forward to confess Christ.

He said, "Old boy, I surely am glad you came down that aisle, because if you hadn't come, I would not have come."

As long as I live, I will never cease to thank God for the seal He gave my testimony by using it the first time to win that precious soul to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I walked to the nearest Western Union office. I wired home: "I'm a Christian. I've been baptized. I've joined a church. I'm praying for you."

I got a telegram from home the very selfsame day, saying, "Come on home. You're still sick."

I guess they thought that then I was crazy sure. During that week, I must have gotten a dozen telegrams and letters. The next week my sweetheart came. She said if I loved her, we'd be married, and we'd make our honeymoon going back home. I told her that I loved her and would be glad to marry her, but we would have to stay right there in Denver. I wanted to find out more about that religion. I didn't want to go home, and have them put the pressure on me, and have me break under that pressure. She went back, and that was the end of our engagement.

(Concluded Next Week)



DR. POWELL IS TO DELIVER FINAL BAPTIST HOUR ADDRESS

The last message in the current Baptist Hour series on the general theme, "Religious Foundations For Tomorrow's World," will be delivered next Sunday morning, March 26th, by Dr. W. F. Powell, of Nashville, Tennessee, on the subject, "Love Is The Answer," as announced by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, S. F. Lowe, chairman, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Powell is the popular pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, and is president of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Many of the same stations on The Baptist Hour network, according to Mr. Lowe, will continue with a simultaneous series of transcribed programs of the Southern Baptist Evangelistic Hour, with Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, Louisiana, as the speaker, and with music by The Baptist Hour Choir.

The Baptist Hour programs can be heard in this area at 7:30 a. m. CWT., 8:30 a. m., EWT., over Stations WSLI of Jackson, WCBI of Columbus, KWKH of Shreveport, WREC of Memphis and WSM, Nashville.

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See Page No. 16. Is your church on the B. M. C. Glory Roll? Is it on any of the others? Five hundred five churches are on one roll or another. It is hoped the other thousand churches will have a part soon.

ary emphasis flows strong and steady!

This Mission message and work takes in all the heart of God, all the people of God, all the salvation of God, all the time given of God, and all the earth created by God!

"The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar;
Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below,
He follows in His train.

"A glorious band, the chosen few
On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints, their hope
they knew,
And mocked the cross and flame:
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks the death
to feel:
Who follows in their train?"

Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page 12.

1. ('Amiable' and 'Tabernacle'): Amiable, as we use it in modern English, refers to conduct, disposition, good-natured, pleasing, or in other words, lovely. Tabernacle literally means habitations, or dwelling places.
2. ('The Tell Tree'): Its name, 'Tell Tree' comes from the Hebrew word, 'Terebinth', or 'Turpentine Tree'. It is a small tree, the turpentine being secured by making incisions in the trunk.
3. (Jubilee): The word 'Jubilee', or 'Jubilee' means a joyful shouting, or the sound of a trumpet. Every seventh year, in the seventh day of the seventh month, (day of atonement) the trumpet of the Jubilee was sounded.
4. (Mount Moriah Outstanding Events) In Chapter 22, Verse 2, in Genesis, Abraham was instructed by God, to take Isaac into the 'land of Moriah', to a mountain, where he was to sacrifice Isaac. Biblical writers regard the two mountains, 'land of Moriah', and 'Mount Moriah' as one and the same reference. Another outstanding event on Mount Moriah, is found in II Chron.: Chap. 3, Verse 1, which refers to King Solomon, and the building of the temple.

SOME OF YOUR SPRING EGGS FOR BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

By Mrs. W. G. Mize

"Never put all your eggs in one basket," are words we have heard over and over again. You may have a basket of eggs to set, you may have a basket to market, or a basket to send to a neighbor, or friend. But what about a basket for the Orphanage? We have a few hens and receive eggs accordingly. We buy eggs by the case especially for cooking, but there's nothing like a "fresh yard egg" to eat. Now that eggs are a little more plentiful, if you would like to serve us eggs for just one meal send about 18 dozen. The Orphanage can use 24 dozen in a day easily, or a case which is 30 dozen. This request is not made for Easter Egg Hunts, but for eggs to serve on our dining room tables at meal time. Spring time does mean green grass, blooming flowers, budding trees and laying hens. So help us to enjoy fresh eggs and the children will cackle a big "THANK YOU."

ITTA BENA PROGRAM PROMISES MUCH

The revival at Itta Bena church will begin April 9 with W. L. Holcomb, pastor at Forest, as the preacher, and E. Powell Lee of Greenwood leading the singing. On April 10th the Delta Pastors' Conference will be held in Itta Bena, with the guest preacher and singer taking part. A special feature under Powell Lee will begin at 11:30. At 1 o'clock a banquet will be held, at which E. J. Caswell, pastor at Greenwood, will be toastmaster. Hyman Appelman will speak to the preachers at 2 o'clock, and preach in the church at 3 o'clock. The pastor is beginning his sixth year on April 10th and rejoices over the fine cooperation of the people during these years.—W. R. Storie.

EVANGELISM---CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

DR. P. I. LIPSEY SAYS

The following address was made by Dr. Lipsey at the Mississippi W.M.U. Convention last year.

OUR OBLIGATION TO ENDOW BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

We owe it to our whole denominational program and every interest which it represents to endow Blue Mountain College. This assembly of women is here today because of the intense interest of our people in the advancement of every department of our work, missionary, benevolent, and educational. The contribution of our women to these causes constitutes the greatest advancement made in the last quarter of a century, and it still grows at a marvelous pace. This convention itself is a spiritual and missionary force second to none.

And when I look around to see who constitute the leaders in this movement, I am immediately struck with the fact that those who constitute the leadership here are for the most part the products of Christian educational institutions. Your executive secretary, your recording secretary, your vice-president, your young people's leader, a large part of your official and unofficial workers, your president-elect, are from our Baptist schools, and Blue Mountain College furnishes the larger part of them.

The probabilities are that if they had not attended these Christian schools they would never have been in this religious work. And without the training secured in these schools, they would not have known how to do the work even if they had undertaken it. I looked at your program and listened to the women who have spoken to you about the work in every part of the world, and I find that they are the product of these same Baptist schools. This is not an accident, but the result of the work of the men and women who operated these schools or made them possible. If this is true of the past, we know that our hope of leadership and enlargement lies in the maintenance of these schools at their highest efficiency.

As the world advances, and every department of the Lord's work advances, we cannot afford to let these sources of leadership in all the work lag behind.

Again we owe it to Blue Mountain College to complete this endowment. If service to the denomination by anyone of its agencies entails an obligation, certainly the endowment of Blue Mountain is a debt on all of us who love the Lord and His work. Its past record justifies us in making this one of our prime obligations. There is no finer service done to the nation or the world than that of making a Christian home. In this Blue Mountain has specialized for nearly three quarters of a century. From these homes have gone as fine a group of men and women as ever formed the foundations of society or were pillars in the temple.

For many years Blue Mountain College has furnished a larger quota of young

The stalk from which Christian education springs is evangelism. Evangelism is rooted in God's Word. The Bible is the text book of Christian education. Teaching follows evangelism and missions. "Go . . . make disciples . . . baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). Jesus was the Great Teacher. Forty-five times in the Gospels He is called Teacher, many times The Teacher. At Blue Mountain His example and God's Word are the guide of faith and practice of those who direct the destiny of the College.

Many Mississippi pastors, helped by the power of the Holy Spirit, have lighted fires of evangelism in Mississippi

within the last six months. A Texas evangelist also is preaching untiringly in several areas of the state, and leaders say spiritual fires have been kindled by his messages. All of this proclaiming of the Gospel has won many souls to Christ.

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness" (2 Peter 1:5-6). The right use of knowledge is wisdom. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10).

In Blue Mountain College the wisdom of godliness is taught. Christianity "must be taught by those from whom it can be caught."

COME ON, MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS AND LET'S FINISH THE BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND CAMPAIGN

Here is how it stands

Amount sought	\$200,000
Obtained	125,632
Needed	74,368

Baptists could give this balance in a month. Let's do it—through the churches. Help your pastor get the matter before your church.

women for the W. M. U. Training School than any other school. It has also furnished many workers for the Sunday School Board at Nashville. And if you will look at the roster of teachers in the Sunday schools and in all other schools, you will find a golden chain with a thousand links. This Christian institution is like the vision which Ezekiel saw of the stream coming from under the threshold of the temple, which grew wider and deeper, in which was found abundance of life, and on whose banks the verdant growth of every kind of fruit greeted his vision.

Blue Mountain College not only has a glorious past, it is today a living, going, growing concern. It will not suffer by comparison with any institution we have. It is the law of nature and the law of God that "To him that hath shall be given." That is, if a person or an institution is making good you can afford to put your money into it, to perpetuate and enlarge its ministry. If you wish to invest in something which is already making good, this is your opportunity. This is no experiment; it is an act of faith based upon successful experience.

Again we owe it to the girls of Mississippi to endow the College. This is at present our only school for girls alone, operated by Baptists in Mississippi. Many of our people desire a

school for girls alone. We do not here and now propose to enter into any argument as to the question of coeducation. We express no opinion as to its merits or demerits. We only say that many of our people do not wish to send to a coeducational institution. Their rights in this matter must be regarded. We can do this by preserving and amply endowing Blue Mountain College.

We have no right to appeal simply to Baptists' loyalty or preference or prejudice to induce them to send to a school which will not meet their needs. I believe in Baptist principles and loyal adherence to them. They are worth more than some other things that commonly go with education. But we do not have to sacrifice any good thing in education in order to be loyal to our Baptist convictions or institutions. Baptists are well able to provide the best in education for our girls, and we owe it to them to do so. Under present conditions the best in education cannot be provided without endowment, which makes the life of their school secure, and its curriculum and teaching force ample. If we wish our girls to go to our Baptist schools, we must see to it that they are in position to give the girls what is needed. There is needed today a little under \$100,000. It ought to the present endowment effort. It ought to be raised in thirty days.

*Amount needed now is \$74,368.

"ACRES OF DIAMONDS"?

CHESTER E. SWOR

Millions of people are familiar with Dr. Conwell's marvelous Acres of Diamonds and the many wonderful implications and applications of his story. To our own Blue Mountain College this writer now applies it.

Since 1939 it has been my privilege to touch points in our Southern Baptist Convention from Baltimore in the East to Albuquerque in the Southwest. Wherever I have gone, I have received more inquiries concerning Blue Mountain than I have concerning all . . . ! Everywhere in our Convention people have heard of the magnificent blending of high academic standards with the highest of Christian ideals in the life of Blue Mountain College. So many parents have said to me, "We have heard so much of Blue Mountain's remarkable atmosphere; please tell us more about it, because we have a high school daughter whom we would like to send there."

This constant flood of inquiries about Blue Mountain, the constant compliments which I hear concerning it everywhere, and my own personal convictions as to its superlative excellence have caused me to wonder if Mississippi Baptists have not "Acres of Diamonds" in their very own Blue Mountain College? Let's prove to everyone in the Southern Baptist Convention that we know the worthiness of Blue Mountain by placing at her disposal the full amount of money needed to complete her endowment. From my own survey of colleges for women, I am prepared to say that I believe Blue Mountain to be the best investment of Christian education funds possible to those of us who wish to continue for our girls the opportunity to pursue higher education under the environment of highest ideals.

The least Mississippi Baptists should do for Blue Mountain is to do our best to complete her endowment!

REJOICE

When the revivals are concluded about the middle of April, Mississippi Baptists should rejoice to add to their faith a firmer determination to complete the Blue Mountain College endowment within the next few weeks.

In the words of Paul to the Church at Corinth: "For this is expedient for you, who were the first to make a beginning a year ago, not only to do, but also to will. But now complete the doing also; that as there was the readiness to will, so there may be the completion also out of your ability" (2 Cor. 8:10-11).

Since the first objective of Blue Mountain College is to train women for Christian homemaking, would it not be fitting to complete the endowment before Christian Home Week, which begins May 7?

It can be done.

Why not do it?

Every church send in the modest amount requested.

Every Baptist make a donation through his or her church.

FRANK L. FAIR, GENERAL CHAIRMAN, BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN